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AXIS FRONTIER AT PANAMA

MORE PLANE ORDERS IN AMERICA

Paris, To-day.
It is officially admitted that although French aircraft production will be on the scale of 200 planes monthly by April, the Government is contemplating increasing its order in the United States to 1,000 machines.
Purpose is to hasten parity with the Dictator countries.

AMERICA'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE

New York, To-day.
A new version is given by the "New York Herald-Tribune" of President Roosevelt's secret declaration to the Senate's Military Affairs Committee.

According to this version, President Roosevelt insisted that the view must be accepted that Britain and France constitute the first line of defence of the United States.

If this line were broken through, South America and the United States itself would be considered next in line for Fascist and Nazi aggression.

Meanwhile, it is reported that Republican members of the Committee are proposing to demand a public sitting of the Committee to hear a clear exposition of the foreign policy of the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE SEEK REINFORCEMENTS

Chungking, To-day.
The Japanese Command in Shansi has asked for four more divisions, and substantial reinforcements and replacements are being called for in the Yangtze Valley, according to a Chinese military spokesman.

The official Chungking view is that the Japanese forces have been so split up by guerilla activities that Japan must send at least half a million more men to carry on a successful offensive.—Trans-Ocean.

SWISS CALL TO COLOURS

Berne, To-day.
The Swiss National Council has passed a Bill authorising the Government to call up in 1939 troops exceeding the normal requirements of the Swiss Army.

This additional service is not deemed as mobilisation, but as instructive training.—Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.
"President Roosevelt came dangerously near to asserting that the American frontier is along the Maginot Line."

"Although no-one is surprised at this leap, it can be regarded only as a provocative challenge to those nations who are striving for peace and equality in Europe."

This comment on the statements attributed to President Roosevelt at the secret session of the Military Affairs Commission of the Senate is from the well-known "Tribuna" and is typical of Italian press attacks.

Signor Gayda, in "Giornale d'Italia" as might be expected, is particularly forceful, and declares that it indicates "sudden mental derangement."

"Coming as they do just when European statesmen are endeavouring to preserve peace, the President's remarks," says Signor Gayda, are deliberately planned to stir up a war menace."

AXIS INNOCENCE

Since neither Germany nor Italy has ever intimated that peaceful co-operation between Totalitarian and Democratic States is impossible nor preached the unavoidability of armed conflict between the two groups, it appears that Mr. Roosevelt has suddenly begun to envisage and desire such a conflict and for this reason is attempting to weaken the policy of Mr. Chamberlain and to support the opposition of Bolshevism and international anti-Fascism, all of which belong to the war group.

In declaring that America must regard France as her frontier of defence, Mr. Roosevelt, says Gayda, has imposed upon Germany and Italy the obligation of extending their defence frontier to the Panama Canal.

IGNORED APPEAL

He recalls that Signor Mussolini at one time invited Mr. Roosevelt to participate as a neutral representative in a solution of the outstanding problems facing the world particularly those regarding disarmament and co-operation, and that this appeal was ignored.

Predicting the failure of Mr. Roosevelt, "Tribuna" points to the opposition of the American public.

The President's statement, it declares, is a reply to Herr Hitler's address of peace. His words emphasising the possibility of a peaceful reconstruction and new order in Europe have been answered with alarm cries and war threats from America.

The paper concludes with a

warning to international Jewish financiers not to expect financial profits from the catastrophe they are now endeavouring to bring about.—Trans-Ocean.

TURBULENT BRUSSELS SCENES

Brussels, To-day.
The attack on M. Spaak, who was wounded in the forehead, followed a turbulent session of the Chamber, in which the Premier was violently attacked in connection with a plan for converting Belgium into a federal state and establishing separate administrations for the Flemish and Walloon districts.

The plan was rejected by 111 votes to 62.

The demonstrators were mixed as

NEW GERMAN TACTICS ABOUT COLONIES PROPHECIED

London, To-day.
Important changes in the form of a renewed German campaign for colonies will become apparent in the near future, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The correspondent says: "I learn that all branches of the Reich Colonial Association are being instructed to discontinue references to 'our old colonies' and instead to concentrate on a more comprehensive demand for colonies of equal value to those held or administered by other European States." —Reuter.

some called "Long Live King Leopold" and others "Long Live the Republic."

Dispersal by the police led to sharp clashes and several arrests.—Trans-Ocean.

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EVIDENCE OF A NEW SPIRIT IN WHITEHALL

READINESS TO FACE ALL CONTINGENCIES

London, January 28.

British diplomatic correspondents to-day were featuring the vigorous, challenging tone with which British ministers have been making their speeches as evidence of a new spirit in Whitehall.

These correspondents believed anxiety and preoccupation still prevails among the cabinet ministers, which will continue as long as Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini continue their present ways, but that there is a confidence and quiet readiness to face all possible contingencies.

ALFONSO AND JUAN APPLAUD GEN. FRANCO

BURGOS, TO-DAY.

KING ALFONSO AND HIS SON, JUAN, EXCHANGED TELEGRAMS WITH GENERAL FRANCO ON THE OCCASION OF THE FALL OF BARCELONA.

The message from King Alfonso reads as follows: "My enthusiastic and heartfelt congratulations, also to the whole glorious army led by Your Excellency and my gratitude as a Spaniard together with an assurance of my devotion and of my confidence in the reawakening of our country."

General Franco replied: "Most grateful for your congratulations and your tribute to the army as well as for the assurance of your devotion and of your confidence. I send sincere and hearty greetings."

It is stated that the telegrams exchanged between Prince Juan and General Franco were couched in equally cordial terms. — Trans-Ocean.

Some diplomatic sources believed this to be the result of recent quiet appraisements of the entire situation—military, diplomatic and economic—based on up-to-date reliable information.

NAZI MISTAKES

One report circulated freely about Whitehall is that the German diplomatic service is making mistakes in its calculations about eastern Europe, especially about Soviet Russia's position in a conflict.

One source claimed the British intelligence service has obtained information about internal conditions in Germany perhaps not even known to the Nazi secret police.

The same source insisted that reports on the inner workings of the Rome-Berlin axis have encouraged British leaders.

LAST TO HEAR

Concerning this, the diplomatic writer of the "Daily Herald," W. N. Ewer, said:

"All I can say about this is that a deceived husband is proverbially the last to hear about his wife's infidelity."

"Rather odd things have been happening, and apart from that, there is obviously and naturally an increasing evident reluctance in Germany to risk war for some Italian purpose, and in Italy to risk war for some German purpose."

3,000 'PLANES BEFORE MUNICH PACT

According to Italian estimates quoted in Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper, the "National Zeitung" of Essen, Germany's first-line strength before the Munich conference amounted to 3,000 machines.

It was added that on the basis of the current building programme this would be increased to 6,000 by 1940-41. These figures were thought to be just about correct by capable foreign observers in Berlin.

REPUBLICANS' THREE POINTS FOR PEACE

PERPIGNAN, TO-DAY.

DR. JUAN NEGRIN, THE SPANISH PREMIER, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CORTES AT FIGUERAS, THE PRESENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, GAVE THREE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PEACE COULD BE REACHED.

Firstly, an independent Spain which would be free from foreign interference.

Secondly, Spaniards to be free to choose their own form of government, and

Thirdly, no reprisals to be made after the war.

The rest was a fighting speech in which Dr. Negrin declared that the Republicans could still triumph. — Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANS FOR ATLANTIC

Washington, To-day.

Imperial Airways hope to be able to begin the scheduled seasonal service of an experimental nature between Southampton and New York on June 1, according to a British Note published by the State Department yesterday.

The route will be Southampton-the Shannon-Botwood (Newfoundland)-Montreal-New York.

The flyingboats will probably leave one each week in each direction, which will later be increased to twice weekly.

United States officials believe that Pan-American Airways may be able to start the service between March 15 and March 31. — Reuter.

PEACE GIFT

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has received \$25 from an ex-Serviceman in gratitude for Mr. Chamberlain's efforts for peace. — British Wireless.

GERMANY'S NAVAL TREATY RIGHTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FOLLOWING AGREED COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED LAST NIGHT IN LONDON AND BERLIN:

"In December last the German Government notified the Government in the United Kingdom of their intention to avail themselves of certain rights under the Anglo-German Naval Agreements of June 18, 1935, and July 7, 1937.

"On December 30, friendly discussions took place in Berlin with regard to certain questions arising out of exercise by the German Government of these rights. The German Government then agreed to furnish the British Government a written statement of their intentions as explained in these discussions.

"According to that statement, Germany will progressively increase her submarine tonnage up to parity with that of members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, beginning in 1939 and continuing until the Treaty limit is reached.

"Furthermore, Germany will arm two 10,000 tons cruisers, K. and L., now under construction, in such a manner as to change them from cruisers of sub-category B. to cruisers of sub-category A.

"In doing so, Germany exercises the right to which she is entitled by the Treaty." — British Wireless.

WANCHAI CAFE ATTACK SEQUEL

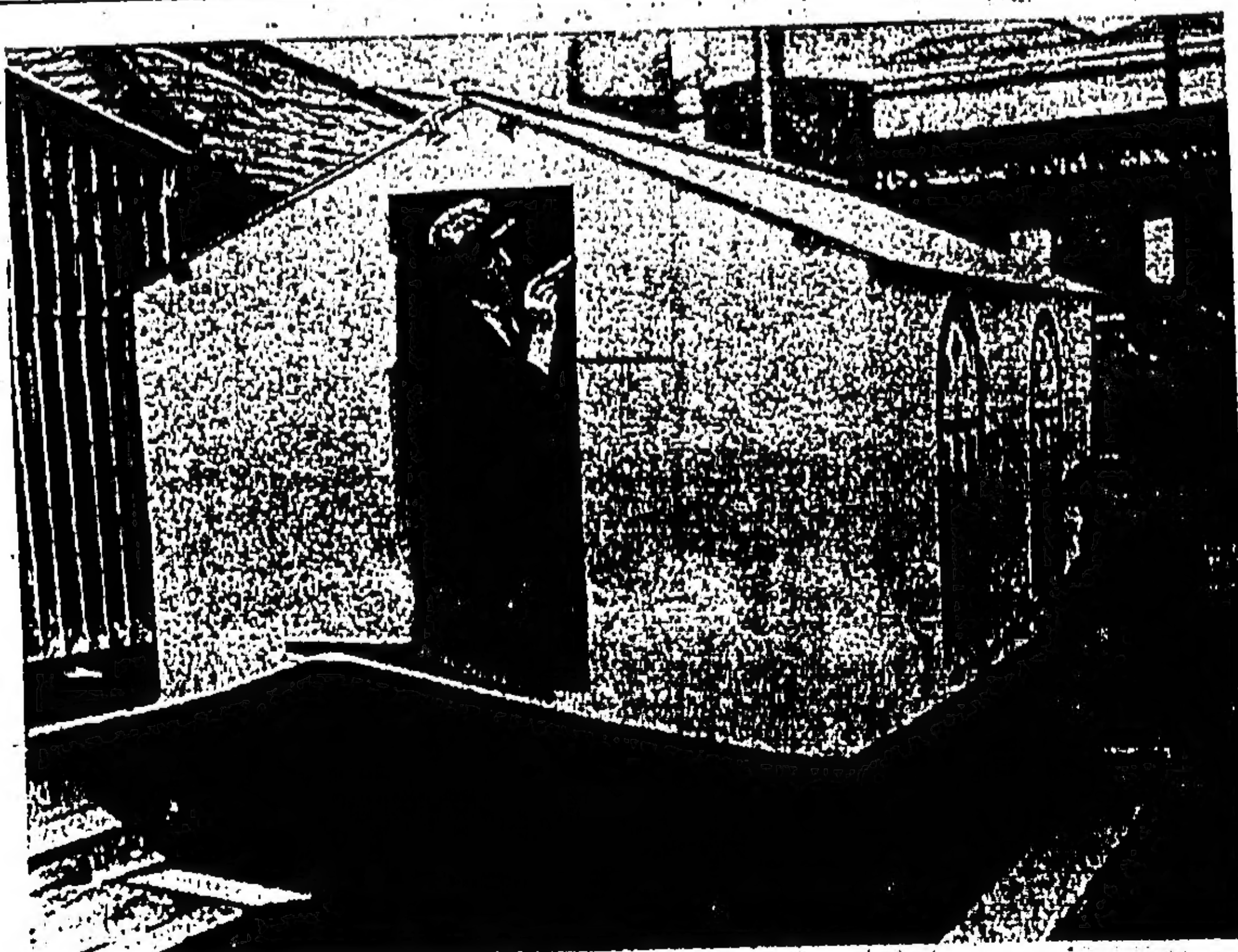
Arising out of the savage attack on Hiyoishi Sagara, a Japanese who was seriously wounded in the early hours of Sunday morning, Li Ping-chuen, the alleged assailant, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with: "Wounding or causing grievous bodily harm with intent to murder."

Sub-Inspector Darkin prosecuted and accused was remanded.

RUMANIAN ENVOY AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.

The new Rumanian Minister, Viorel Tilea, who has just arrived in London, where he is well-known and has many friends since he visited England soon after the War, made his first official call yesterday on the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the Foreign Office. — British Wireless.

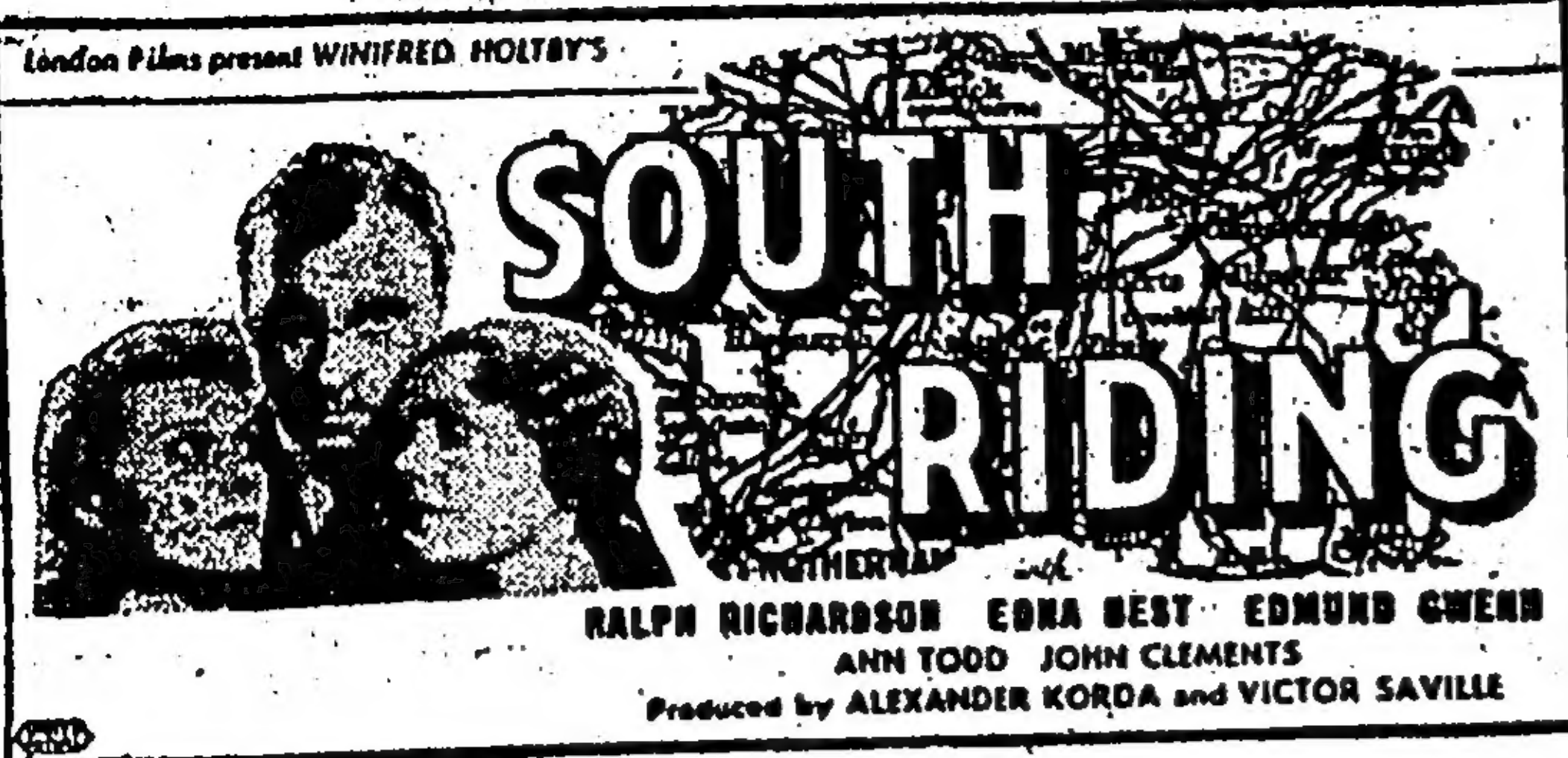


A huge Noah's Ark, 16 feet long and 7 feet wide is being built at Brentford by Mr. E. G. Woods, barge and pontoon builder. It has been ordered by Mrs. A. Scribbans of Little Aston Hall near Birmingham as a novel present for her children. The ark, which is now nearly finished, will be taken to Birmingham by road on a lorry. Photo shows painters at work completing the ark.

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CHEFOO EXCHANGE CONTROL

Peiping, To-day.

Exchange control at Chefoo was functioning as from Wednesday on Japanese naval orders that export permits only be granted if exports bills are sold to the Yokohama Specie Bank branch.

The Bank is only accepting at

the artificial rate of 1/2d per dollar. Shippers are refusing to export and coastal vessels are sailing from Chefoo without cargo.—Reuter.

SOLICITOR'S LOSS

Mr. C. Y. Kwan, solicitor, of No. 10, Homuntin Road, has reported that money and jewellery to the value of \$770 were stolen from his residence some time yesterday.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY ECHO OF CONTE VERDE SALVAGE AFTER TYPHOON

"MR. COCK, I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE OF THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF MY LIFE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN COMMANDED BY THE KING OF ITALY, IN HIS GLORIOUS NAME TO BESTOW ON YOU, A WORTHY MAN IF EVER THERE WAS ONE, THE INSIGNIA OF COMMENDATORE OF THE CROWN OF ITALY." REMARKED MARQUESS G. P. DE MELITO, ITALIAN CONSUL-GENERAL, WHEN HE INVESTED MR. EDWARD COCK, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, WITH THE ORDER OF KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE CROWN OF ITALY ON THE S.S. CONTE VERDE AT NOON TO-DAY.

The investiture was made in the presence of over 200 distinguished personalities of the Colony, including Captain Batty-Smith, representing His Excellency the Governor, the General Officer Commanding the Troops, His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasset, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, and many others.

Captain Aleide Valcini, master of the s.s. Conte Verde, was the first to address the gathering. He said:

"As Commander of the 'Conte Verde,' it gives me great pleasure in welcoming you on board to-day.

"As many of you remember, during the night of September 1, 1937, a terrible typhoon occurred in the vicinity of Hong Kong, when over thirty steamers, and hundreds of junks went aground.

"Among the thirty steamers was the 'Conte Verde.' In the early hours of September 2, she was driven ashore outside Lyeemun Pass.

"The situation was a very serious one, but difficulties were eventually overcome. This fine ship was refloated and proceeded to the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock, where she was satisfactorily repaired. During the refloating and repairing operations, Mr. Edward Cock, Manager of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock, rendered invaluable assistance and so highly has his help been esteemed that His Majesty the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia, has been gracious enough to bestow on him the title of Commendatore della Corona d'Italia.

"The bond of fellowship existing between those of us who go down to the sea in ships, is an ancient and steadfast one, and especially in this case, between our respective countries of Great Britain and Italy whose maritime friendship and traditions have endured for so many centuries. We encounter like perils; we engage in the same hazards.

"In moments of stress and danger, the sailor, more than most men, knows that he has to call for help and no one will pass him by on the other side. The ocean knows no boundaries, and it is perhaps for that reason that

we who sail upon it, know no distinctions when danger threatens. I am glad, therefore, to have the opportunity of expressing to Mr. Cock the gratitude of Captain Mirconi, who was in Command of the 'Conte Verde' when overtaken by the typhoon and seriously damaged, for the immense assistance rendered to his ship after the catastrophe.

"I am also very pleased to assist the Royal General Italian Consul in Hong Kong Marquess Pagano di Melito who will formally invest Mr. Edward Cock with the order of Knight Commander of the Crown of Italy."

The Italian Consul-General paid a tribute to Mr. Cock for the excellent way in which he supervised the refloating of the s.s. Conte Verde and concluded by bestowing upon Mr. Cock insignia of the Order.

Mr. Cock replied as follows:

"I beg humbly to thank His Majesty the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia for the honour he has conferred on me through his representative the Consul General.

"You will no doubt remember when I recall that Italian Naval Constructors floated the sunken Battleship 'Leonardo da Vinci' upside down, docked her and finally righted her. You will also remember at a nearer date how by conspicuous gallantry the Italian divers of the 'Artiglio' saved the 'Egypt's' gold.

"An honour coming from the ruler of a nation which has had such triumphs of salvage is indeed one to be received with the greatest pride.

"This tribute to the efforts of my Company compliments us all. We had, when attempting to float this great vessel, to make two what I might call 'first aid' attempts using all the forces at our disposal. We employed five large tugs and pulled on anchors set out in the direction we desired the ship to move. We had to make these attempts although I had no hope of their success.

"After that we settled down to somewhat more scientific methods and I would like to acknowledge the help I got from Mr. Craig, our Chief Naval Architect, whose quick and accurate calculations gave me confidence. The work on board was under Mr. Sweeney's direction, it was done with imagination, energy and foresight. I was going to add tact but this was never necessary due to the happy co-operation we received from the Captain, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer and

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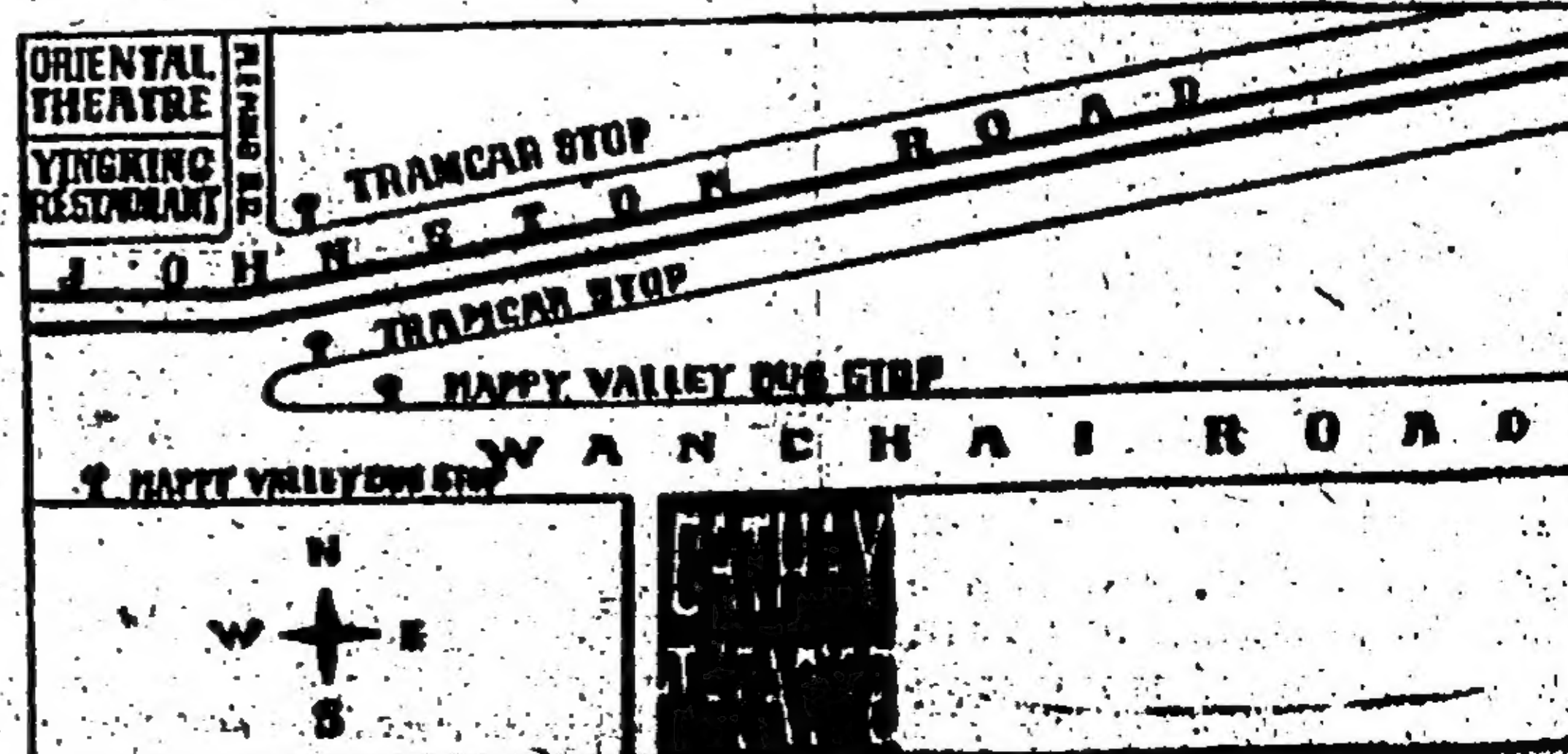
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FLOODS IN FENS SUBSIDING

London, To-day.

The floods in the Fens, caused by the Great Ouse overflowing its banks, are now subsiding.

However men are still working at keypoints in order to relieve pressure from the waters. — Reuter.

HINT OF SUBSTANTIAL AID TO CHINA

London, To-day.

"If there are demands for railway and other equipment for China, I think a transaction of the order and magnitude I have in mind will require terms of credit so lengthy as to hardly fall within the purview of the Bill."

This statement was made by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying in the debate on the Export Guarantees Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

If it were decided, he added, to do something of that nature the House might be sure that a special Bill would be brought in.

Mr. Hudson said there were grave objections from the international viewpoint to publishing the amount allotted to each country. — Reuter.

M. PAUL SPAAK ATTACKED BY DEMONSTRATORS

Brussels, To-day.

A group of demonstrators, mostly ex-servicemen, attacked the Premier, M. Paul Spaak, near his home in a Brussels suburb yesterday and held up his car as he was driving home.

M. Spaak was attacked as he stepped from the car, and was injured in the forehead.

The attack arose out of strong feeling in the country, especially among Great War veterans, against the appointment of Dr. Martens, as a member of the Flemish Academy.

Dr. Martens had an unsavoury War record, it being alleged that he aided the Germans during the occupation of Belgium. — Reuter.

CENSUS OF PRODUCTION IN BRITISH ISLES

London, To-day.

Before proceeding to discussion of a private member's motion on a scheme for pensions for past members of the House over 60 with less than £3 weekly on which to live, moved by Sir Assheton Pownall and seconded by another Conservative member, the House of Commons yesterday gave a second reading to the Bill providing for taking of a census of production.

The House finished the committee stage of the Bill extending the powers of the Board of trade to give guarantees up to a maximum of £75,000,000 instead of £50,000,000, as at present, for the purpose of establishing or encouraging overseas trade.

Replying to the debate, the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, mentioned that the net increase in capital commitment of the Export Credits Guarantee Fund since the Bill was introduced last December was £1,500,000.

At that time there had been a balance of about £6,000,000 available under the old maximum.

INDUSTRY'S PART

How long the new maximum would suffice depended on the decree to which industries availed themselves of these facilities.

He reminded the House that his Department were urging upon export industries the desirability of organising themselves to meet modern conditions in world markets. — British Wireless.

SIR EDMUND IRONSIDE'S MOROCCO VISIT

Gibraltar, To-day.

The Governor of Gibraltar General Sir Edmund Ironside, will, it is announced, pay an official visit to French Morocco during the second half of February.

In view of the existing tension between France and Italy, considerable importance is attached to the visit which is regarded as a clear demonstration of Anglo-French solidarity.

The French cruiser squadron which arrived here some days ago on visit left again yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

"Sixty Glorious Years" is being shown at all performances at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day. At the gala show at the Queen's at 9.30 p.m., the band of the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots will play special introductory selections.

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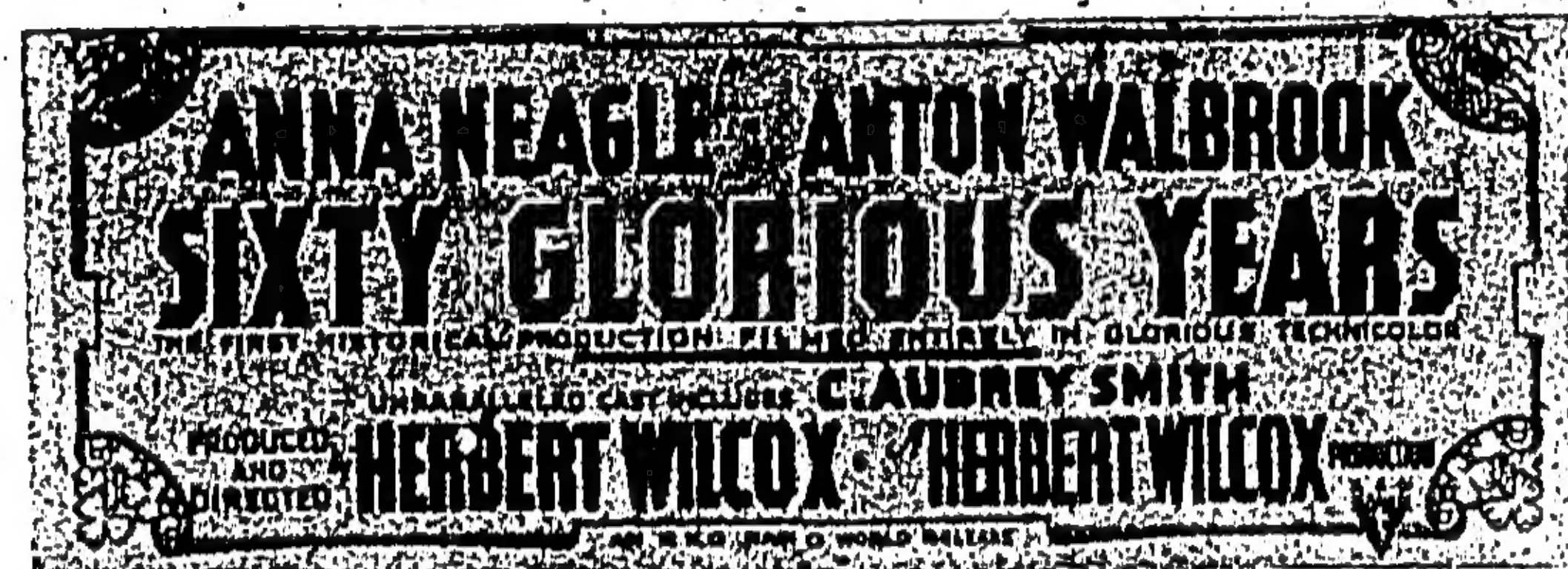
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INDUSTRIAL PANEL WELL PLEASED WITH BRITISH REARMAMENT PROGRESS

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, in a statement in the House of Commons yesterday, said that the Rearmament Advisory Panel of businessmen had reported that the Service Departments, supported by the Treasury, were rapidly accomplishing a most difficult task of great complexity with efficiency and foresight.

In some cases they had established practically new industries in the country.

The panel felt that the magnitude of the effort being made was altogether insufficiently realised by the country as a whole, and that the results hitherto achieved could not have been achieved without the whole-hearted co-operation of industry operating on a peace-time basis.

The panel felt on the evidence submitted to them that most of the gaps in the defence equipment of the nation had been or were being filled as rapidly as possible.—Reuter.

Mr. J. M. Jacks, of No. 6, Essex Crescent, was this morning fined \$8 for allowing his dog to wander in Cumberland Road without a lead or muzzle.

JAPANESE SHIPS MOVING SOUTH

Swatow, To-day.

Fishing junks coming in last night report that yesterday about 20 Japanese warships and transports were sighted steaming south from Formosa.

The destination of the vessels is presumably Canton or Weichow Island. — Our Own Correspondent.

Lieutenant R. D. Boddy was this morning fined \$5 at Kowloon for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle or lead.

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Criticism Of Secrecy Of Foreign Policy

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The secrecy surrounding the foreign policy of the United States is generally deplored in press comments on President Roosevelt's reported statement that the country would support the democracies in the "inevitable war" with the totalitarians, in which America's frontiers would be in Europe.

The "Herald-Tribune" says that while President Roosevelt's foreign policies have been as admirable as they were bold, nevertheless when the issue was as grave as peace and war in the balance, the right of the people to be informed seemed to be paramount.

The "Chicago Tribune" thinks the White House has become an imperial palace.

President Roosevelt, says the journal, is acting as if he were absolute ruler of a people who have nothing to say about their own destiny, and who could be sold into war lightly as if they were 18th Century Hessians.

The "Washington Post" is of opinion that the Administration's efforts to facilitate the sale of planes to France is a possible factor in the slight relaxation of tension noted in Europe for the moment.

GROUP PROTEST

Meanwhile, nine Republican members of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday issued a statement "deploring and protesting the un-neutral actions and secret methods of the President" in connexion with the sale of aeroplanes to France.

They did not object to the sale of aeroplanes to a nation to which the United States was diplomatically related, "but insist that such secret and un-neutral acts entangle us in foreign conflicts and endanger the peace of America."

FACTS WANTED

They appealed to the President to present the facts to the American people, who, "irrespective of party, are being committed to a war programme through secret diplomacy."

They urged the President to uphold the traditional foreign policy of neutrality, non-intervention and peace.—Reuter.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Abdul Rashed, 21, Abdul Caramat, 20, and Carlos Xavier da Cruz, 32, charged with highway robbery in Customs Pass Road at about 4 p.m. on January 10 were committed for trial by Mr. Himsworth this morning.

This morning, a witness for the third accused, Mr. E. M. da Rocha, testified that he loaned \$2 at 10 a.m. on the day of robbery to defendant, and a Mr. Gomes said he gave a letter of recommendation to accused at 7 p.m. the same day and told to come back the following day.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE CHARGE

Tsang Kam, 28, of no fixed abode, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth, with having, on January 25, robbed Fung Yiu, a widow, of a leather handbag, valued at about \$70, with violence. The case was adjourned until February 7.

ROOSEVELT'S POSITION UNASSAILABLE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's position remains unassailable, is the conclusion reached in circles close to the Administration following the latest foreign policy developments.

They declare that the President's declaration on help for the Democracies was secret and so cannot be effectively quoted against him.

Secondly, his power to recommend and follow the

policy indicated cannot be questioned.

Thirdly, ex-President Hoover's condemnation is offset by his own former Secretary of State, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, who supports an anti-Fascist boycott and lifting of the arms embargo on Spain.

Fourthly, those who attack President Roosevelt are likely to receive the benediction of Italian and German newspapers, which will be most damaging to their public standing.—Reuter.

W.P.A. RELIEF PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.

Congress yesterday finally approved the \$725,000,000 Relief Appropriation to carry on the Works Progress - Administration programme until June 30.

The Bill has been sent to the White House for signature.—Reuter.

INGENIOUS BUT OUT OF LUCK

A Chinese youth, having stolen a window pane from the show-case of a shop in Lai Chi Kok Road on the previous evening, took the pane to the shop next morning and suggested that he repair the damage for \$1.20. He was taken to the police station as the owner recognised the pane.

The youth was this morning sentenced to three weeks hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

DESPAIR AFTER LOSS OF MONEY

Chan Tai-chung, Kowloon City, has reported that \$58.30 in money was stolen from him while he was travelling in a tram between Des Voeux Road Central and Leighton Hill Road at about 1.30 p.m. yesterday. After discovery of the theft, complainant was so distressed that he jumped into the harbour apparently with intent to end his life.

BERGA FALLS TO FRANCO'S LEGIONS

Burgos, To-day.

Nationalist troops occupied Berga, in the valley of Llobregat, yesterday. The Republican troops are reported to be retreating further on all fronts in the direction of the French frontier.

A detailed statement regarding the capture of Berga says that the Nationalist troops advanced in two columns on Espunyola and Gironella respectively.

After the town had been completely surrounded the Republican garrison ceased to offer further resistance.

It is further announced that the Maestrazgo army corps has advanced a considerable distance beyond Vich and captured the villages of Seva Taradell and Ruideperas thus enveloping the Montseny mountain range in which Republican heavy artillery is entrenched. A very optimistic view is taken of the prospects of cessation of fighting in Catalonia.—Trans-Ocean.

GERONA THE OBJECTIVE

Barcelona, To-day.

Nationalist troops yesterday afternoon continued their advance along the Catalan coast, occupying the town of Massanet de la Selja.

The main objective is now the town of Gerona, capital of the province of the same name. The Nationalists are closing in from two sides, from Vich and from Tara del Seva further south.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. A. Forman, of No. 240 Nathan Road, lost \$188, stolen from his pocket at the Post Office yesterday.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Masked Ball

By Barbara Ann Benedict

Saybrook's big social function occurred each year in January. The event was a masquerade ball, held on John Stanton's big white house. Stanton owned the textile mill upon which the town depended for its livelihood.

Everyone was invited. Thus, Ray Longworth, returning from a five-year sojourn on the west coast, did not feel he was an intruder. Few were aware of his arrival in town, and fewer still would have recognized his handsome young face, for the years had changed him. He was older, more dignified. Tonight he was masked, as were the others, and his disguise was assured.

Toward the middle of the evening, a half hour before the time to unmask, Ray found himself dancing with a girl dressed in pirate clothes. Golden hair peeped from beneath her gay

off his mask. "Betty!" The girl looked up startled, slightly bewildered. Then: "Ray! Good heavens, I had no idea you were back!" She came toward him with outstretched hand. And Ray took the hand and held it tight, looking down into the girl's eyes. The years rolled back. He was once more twenty, bold and confident. "Betty, you're lovely, beautiful. I—I—"

She drew her hand away, laughing. "The same old Ray. Haven't changed a bit." Her eyes twinkled. "A moment ago I passed an alcove and saw you making love to a pirate. She wore her mask. It was most amusing."

Her words stung him. "Betty, please. It was no such thing. How in the world could a man make love to a girl whose face he couldn't see. She merely intrigued me because she re-

turban. Full red lips smiled up at him. Blue eyes looked at him from behind her mask.

When the music finally stopped Ray led his partner into an alcove.

"Let's sit out the encore. I feel as though I'd like to talk to someone. You see, no one seems to have recognized me here tonight, and I'm a bit lonesome."

"That's odd," said the girl. "I recognized you the moment you came in. You're Ray Longworth."

Ray peered into the eyes behind the mask. "I say, how in the world did you know? Why, I haven't been in town for five years!"

"How could one forget little Ray Longworth? Why, you haven't changed a bit."

"But, really you surprise and intrigue me. May I ask whom I can compliment on such a fine memory?"

"It isn't very flattering that you don't remember me."

The girl interested him, excited his imagination.

"I'll call you the mystery girl for now," he laughed. "I do hope I'll recognize you once we unmask."

"Perhaps," said the girl, "I won't intrigue you as much then. Reality sometimes is a great disappointment."

"But one with such a charming voice, and—and smile could hardly be disappointing. I'm willing to take a chance. May I see you again?"

Before she could answer a gay cavalero approached and claimed his pirate girl for the dance. He watched her, until she was whirled away amid the throng of dancers, and was conscious of a strange feeling of ecstasy. Who was she? Why was she so sure he'd be disappointed? What lay behind the mask?

He stood up and strolled along the edge of the dance floor. He was passing a small anteroom when his eye caught sight of a girl, working over a table laden with refreshments. Her mask was off and she had thrown a cape about her shoulders.

Ray stopped short. The girl was Betty Stanton, John Stanton's only daughter. In their younger days Betty had been his sweetheart. An agreement more eagerly accepted by Betty than Ray. He was a man about to seek his fortune in the world then, and she the daughter of a small town rich man.

But here was Betty grown into womanhood, a lovely creature, a more beautiful woman than he could ever have imagined she would be.

He stepped into the room and tore

cognized me when everyone else failed."

"And that's all that intrigued you?"

"Of course. What else could there be? It was a bit mysterious, but once the mystery is gone there is nothing."

Betty laughed and threw back her cape. Her costume was that of a pirate. "You were always interested in the unknown, Ray. You haven't changed. That's why you went away."

"I went away, Betty, to find out things. And I've learned that mystery is disillusioning. That's why I came back—to find you—because you're real and genuine and I love you."

"And I love you, Ray. I always have. That's why I recognized you. And I tested your love for the mystery, and found you were willing to commit yourself only to the reality. I'm glad."

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GAS PROTECTION FOR INFANTS

London, To-day.

The Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, announced in the Commons that satisfactory gas protection for infants under two years had now been designed and production was going forward with all possible speed.

In addition, 1,100,000 respirators suitable for small children over two years were on order.—British Wireless.

NEW N.Z. HIGH COMMISSIONER

London, To-day.

Sir Harry Battenbee, formerly Assistant Under-Secretary at the Dominions Office, sailed in the Rangitara yesterday accompanied by Lady Battenbee, to take up his appointment as High Commissioner in New Zealand for the government in the United Kingdom.

He is due to arrive in Wellington on March 9.—British Wireless.

MANCHUKUO MEETS PROTEST WITH COUNTER-PROTEST

Alleged Frontier Breach By Soviet Troops

Soviet Meantime Issues Japan With A Warning

Tokyo, To-day.

The Manchukuo Government has vigorously protested, through the Soviet Consul at Harbin, over an alleged incident on the Manchukuo-Soviet frontier on January 31.

Manchukuo declares that 100 Soviet soldiers crossed the frontier near Hengkosili and opened fire on the Manchukuoan border station.

Manchukuoan guards returned the fire, and after more than an hour's fighting the Soviet troops withdrew, leaving five dead and three wounded.

There were no casualties among the Japanese, it is added.

The Manchukuo protest follows the Soviet allegation yesterday that Manchukuo soldiers fired on a Soviet border patrol.

The Soviet charge d'affaires in Tokyo, lodging a protest, added that cases of violation of the Soviet frontier by Manchukuo troops were becoming more frequent, and warned against "possible consequences." — Reuter.

SOVIET VERSION

The Soviet version of the incident, resulting in their protest to the Japanese Government, alleges that it arose from an attempt by Japanese troops to occupy a Soviet island in the Amur River.

In the subsequent clash, seven Japanese soldiers were killed and a Russian officer was wounded.

The warning reminds Japan that continued invasion of Soviet territory might have grave consequences.

WING ON COOLIE GAVE HIMSELF UP

Lau Yuet, 32, coolie, was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning, with fraudulent conversion of \$35.51, entrusted to him for payment to the Wing On Company.

Det. Sergt. Wall, who prosecuted, said defendant was sent to deliver goods to different firms, and absconded after he received payment. He gave himself up on January 27.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

A stabbing case, in which Pun Kam-lan is alleged to have stabbed Chan Tsoi at Ngau Tsin Wan Valley, was this morning adjourned by Mr. E. Himsforth, at Kowloon. The complainant is still in hospital and cannot testify until February 18.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF ADVICE

It has been proposed to constitute an "Emergency" Committee of Advice for Professional Men and Women.

There are many professional men and women who have not been able to find their right place in national service in the present emergency. Some even have returned from the mainland with a feeling that their country does not need them.

This is in most cases due to the difficulty of linking up the right person with the right opportunity.

It is proposed to constitute an Advisory Committee in Hong Kong on the lines of the Committee established in England in 1914 entitled "Professional Classes War Relief Committee."

Those who are either—

- (a) professional men and women unable to find the right opportunity for national service at this time, or
- (b) men and women interested in the work of the proposed Committee, to communicate with any of the following either c/o The Bishop's House, Hong Kong, or c/o The Lingnan University Office, Hong Kong University, The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, Mr. Y. L. Lee, President of Lingnan University.

Mr. D. Y. Lin, Director, Kwangtung Rural Co-operative Commission.

Mr. Bowen Chang, of the Ministry of Communications. Professor Shang-Ling Fu, of the National Sun Yat Sen University.

Arrested by a passer-by after snatching a pair of earrings from a woman in Boundary Street, yesterday, a youth, Choi Shing, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour and eight strokes by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR IN TIENTSIN

Chungking, To-day.

SIR Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, has been accorded a warm welcome by the Chinese people in Tientsin since his arrival.

A large number of letters have been sent to the British Envoy by Chinese paying their respects and declaring loyalty to the National Government.

Sir Archibald is expected to visit to-day the Race Course where he will obtain a view of Hsin Hsing Road, a new road built by the Japanese encircling the British Concession.

He will proceed to-morrow to Peiping where he will stay for five days, then to Tangshan to inspect the Kailan Mining Administration, returning to Shanghai via Chinwangtao.

Since his arrival in Tientsin, the Japanese there have tightened restrictive measures against the British and French Concessions.

They have closed the East Station of the Peiping-Liaoning Railway, adjacent to the two foreign areas, and all passengers travel-

BOGUS COLLECTOR SENT TO PRISON

Tang Ying, 30, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, with unlawfully obtaining \$5 from a compradore at No. 27, Hennessy Road, by virtue of a forged document.

Detective Sergeant J. S. Headridge said that defendant was a former employee of the Shung Ching Benevolent Association. He went to first complainant asking for the Chinese New Year subscription. He tried the same trick on a second complainant, who unfortunately for him had already paid. The Association was informed and defendant was arrested.

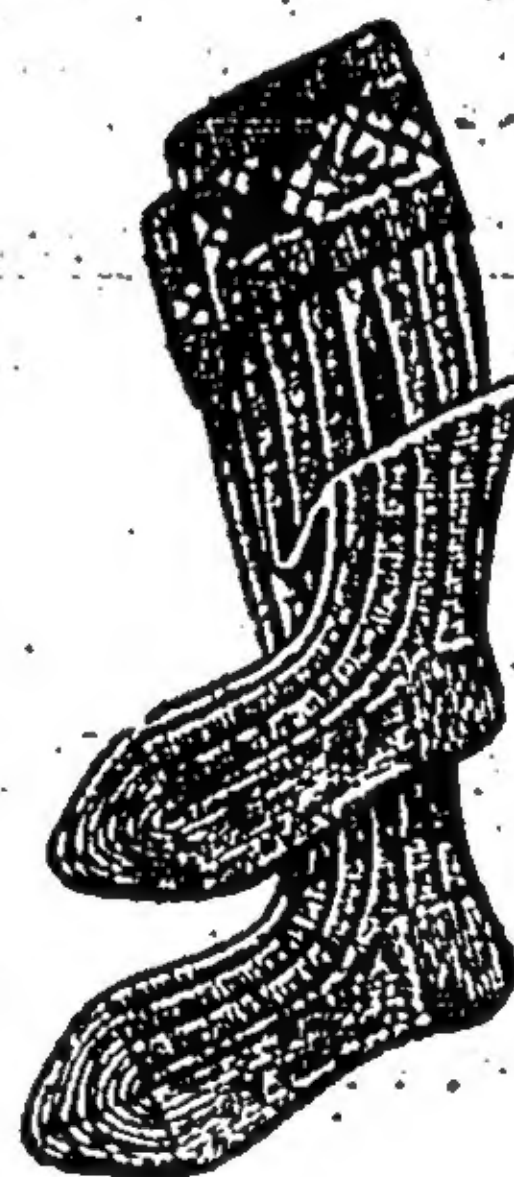
He was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Sergeant Parnell, of the Middlesex Regiment has reported that during Monday night, some person entered the barber's shop, and stole hair-cutting machines valued at \$48.

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DESPERATION IN JAPAN

Despite the No Change in Policy facade carefully built up in the Diet by Baron Hiranuma, it is evident past that serious political differences are likely soon to come to a head in Japan. The Army has been the real power in Japanese Ministries during the past three years; but the Army leaders have had to make haste slowly in developing their ambitions, partly because the Navy chiefs have never abandoned their rivalry, and partly because Japanese liberalism—though dead in Parliament—still finds champions in the powerful business and banking interests. The captains of industry are of liberal outlook because they must be; Japan depends for prosperity on her export trade, and upon a sustained flow of imports for her factories; and it is in this well-established and powerful interest that the Army policy finds its inevitable and most formidable opposition. For the Army policy points rather significantly to a revisionist tendency in Japanese administration. The 250 years' regime of the Shogunate has, after all, been not so long abolished; the revolution of 1868 occurred within the lifetime of Japanese still living; and in extreme national emergency, such as is now developing, nothing is more natural than that Japanese militarists' minds should throw back to the courses upon which the ancestors of their clans relied. No doubt what has most arrested Japanese attention in the modern Italian State is the figure of Signor Mussolini as the modern counterpart of those Shoguns of which their history is so eloquent.

Even if the Japanese domestic emergency is not yet to be called extreme, beyond question the arrival of a crisis is only a matter of time—and probably a short time. Under the strain of the undeclared war on China, the Japanese National Mobilisation Law has been proclaimed piecemeal. Parliament was muzzled, the Press controlled, reserve classes were called up for training, wages and working hours were prescribed, imports were severely licensed, foreign policy was brought under the Army chiefs' direction. Only one, but a very important, section of the law remained unproclaimed. That was Article 11, providing for control under ordinance of all operations of corporations, their dividends, and the employment of their funds. In May last the late Premier, Prince Konoye, made a desperate effort to effect a Cabinet balance against the Army over the assertion of this power. He induced Mr. Ikeda, of the Mitsui house,

to take the post of Finance Minister by threatening to resign if Mr. Ikeda declined. Mr. Ikeda's terms were that he should have the Commerce Ministry too, and that the moderate General Ugaki should have the Foreign Office. Despite Mr. Ikeda's utmost efforts the closing months of last year brought Japan steadily nearer to official acceptance of currency inflation. In November the Army insisted that, since the proposed staggering new war bond authorisation had thrown Japanese business circles into alarm, the final mobilisation of industry must be proclaimed. That was done on January 1, Prince Konoye immediately abandoned office.

Since that time, signs of desperation have been observable on all hands: the demand of the political parties, summarily rejected for greater participation in the affairs of the nation; the outcries of the extreme Nationalists against Britain and the United States; the challenge to Prince Konoye's position; steady preparation by the Army for completing the structure of a totalitarian regime. The real clash has not yet revealed itself, but it seems more and more inevitable.

Catalan War

It is plain already that despite the undeniable success which has attended the Franco offensive in Catalonia, no early termination of the war is in prospect. Republican resistance on the Catalan front itself is rapidly stiffening. In the Madrid area, determination to continue the struggle is manifest. It is a tragic business. In this terrible war in Spain, now in its third year, as many men have died as fell for Britain during 1914-18. A million slain have not sufficed to decide who shall be masters of the peninsula, and General Franco, even if his present campaign should realise the best hopes of himself and his Italo-German allies, will still be far from his goal. A struggle so protracted and pitiless would be horrifying enough if it were no more than the civil war which it purports to be, but the fighting has gained a special quality of coldbloodedness through the intervention of foreign forces, which have made the Spanish battlefields a testing-ground for their armaments and Spanish women and children a practice-target for their bombing pilots. It acquired, too, a menacing character for France and Britain as the conviction grew that the Dictator nations were manoeuvring for position on the Spanish peninsula, in order to establish their strategical supremacy in the Mediterranean. In October, however, the Republican Government evacuated the last of its foreign volunteers. Later Signor Mussolini announced the withdrawal of 10,000 Italian legionaries, as a signal for the implementation of the Anglo-Italian agreement. It began to look like the end of foreign intervention. Yet Franco's offensive finds the Italians, in greater force than ever, acting as the spearhead of his advance, operating under their own generals, with reinforcements of tanks and aeroplanes, and cheered by plaudits from Rome.

The spirit if not the letter of the Anglo-Italian pact could hardly have been more cynically or contemptuously violated than by this fresh and violent intervention in Spain and the accompanying agitation for the cession of French territories in the Mediterranean.

SHADOW PLAN FOR TOTALITARIANISM IN WARTIME

London, To-day.

A comprehensive scheme for organisation of civil defence, involving the provisional appointment of regional "political" governors, was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister for Civil Defence.

The plan, which is practically complete, will exist in shadow form in peacetime, ready to operate immediately an emergency arises.

A regional commissioner, "a man of national understanding capable of undertaking great responsibility," will be appointed in each of the ten British regions, and one each for Wales and Scotland.

BRITISH PLANE SHOT DOWN

Jerusalem, To-day.

A British aeroplane was shot down on Thursday by Arab irregulars while cruising over the village of Deir Ba'llut at a low altitude, the pilot being killed in the crash. The machine, with others, had been ordered to assist searching parties at work in the Samaria district.

A train was wrecked on the Jaffa-Jerusalem route as a result of sabotage although the extent of the damage is not yet known.

A bomb was tossed into the Bureau of the Jewish Taxicab Company in Jerusalem, the house being practically destroyed.

A Jewish ironware factory in Akko was partially wrecked through a fire started by Arabs and an Arab was shot from ambush in the same town. The bullet-riddled body of an Arab was discovered west of Rampeh.—Trans-Ocean.

VISCOUNT GORT TALKS EGYPT'S DEFENCE

Cairo, To-day.

Viscount Gort, Chief of Imperial General Staff, yesterday inspected military forces in Egypt.

A meeting was held yesterday of Egyptian Ministers and British and Egyptian Army chiefs for discussion of British and Egyptian co-operation in the event of military necessity. — Reuter.

QUAKE FUND

Tokyo, To-day.

The Fund for the Chilean earthquake victims now exceeds £3,000. — Reuter.

In the event of the region becoming shut off from the centre of government, the Commissioners will exercise the full authority of government.

There will be an effective link between the civil and military authorities, and the powers of the Commissioners will not extend to military matters.

A.R.P. DECENTRALISATION

The scheme also provides for devolution in the A.R.P. organisation by creation of thirty-eight regional officers to enable treatment of local problems on the spot and lessen the need for appealing to a central department.

Regional commanders will be provided with a war staff consisting of A.R.P. regional officers and representatives of all Government Departments concerned with civil defence, like health, transport and food.

"WAR STAFF"

Commissioners in peacetime will maintain frequent contact with representatives of all relevant Government Departments.

This in effect amounts to peacetime meetings of the War Staff.

The degree of control exercised by commissioners in wartime would vary according to the extent to which communications are affected, but in case of need regions will function as self-contained.

Further A.R.P. progress was revealed in answers by Ministers to other questions.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

Mr. Walter Elliott, Minister for Health, announced that plans had been made to provide about 200,000 beds in existing hospitals within twenty-four hours of an emergency.

Another 100,000 could be found later by using auxiliary parts of hospitals not at present used as wards.

NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT

Sir John Anderson, dealing with firefighting apparatus, stated that hitherto 8,500 appliances, including trailer pumps and self-propelled units, had been delivered, and since the September Crisis very large orders had been placed as part of the measures to accelerate production.—Reuter.

AMBULANCE WORK

Mr. Elliott (adds British Wireless), referring to transport for ambulance work, said that local

FRENCH A.R.P. MEASURES

Paris, To-day.

A decree regulating French air raid defence was signed by the Government yesterday.

The regulations include the enrolling of volunteers for A.R.P. work, the enrolment to last for a year, and public servants may be requisitioned if necessary. — Reuter.

authorities were making good progress with arrangements, and in London the L.C.C. had 1,200 commercial vehicles already earmarked for ambulance service and another 800 would be so earmarked quite soon.

These figures were additional to the large fleet of peacetime ambulances available and to 800 coaches, provision for immediate conversion of which had already been made.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF TALKS ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

MR. GEORGE RUBLEE, HEAD OF THE LONDON REFUGEE COMMITTEE, WAS DUE TO LEAVE BERLIN LAST NIGHT AFTER HIS TALKS ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM GERMANY.

A communique states that the talks proceeded on the basis of suggestions for a programme of orderly emigration of Jews made by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former Reichsbank President, on his visit to London.

The communique adds that the conversations clarified the programme so that Mr. Rublee will be able to give details to the inter-governmental committee when it meets in London on February 13.

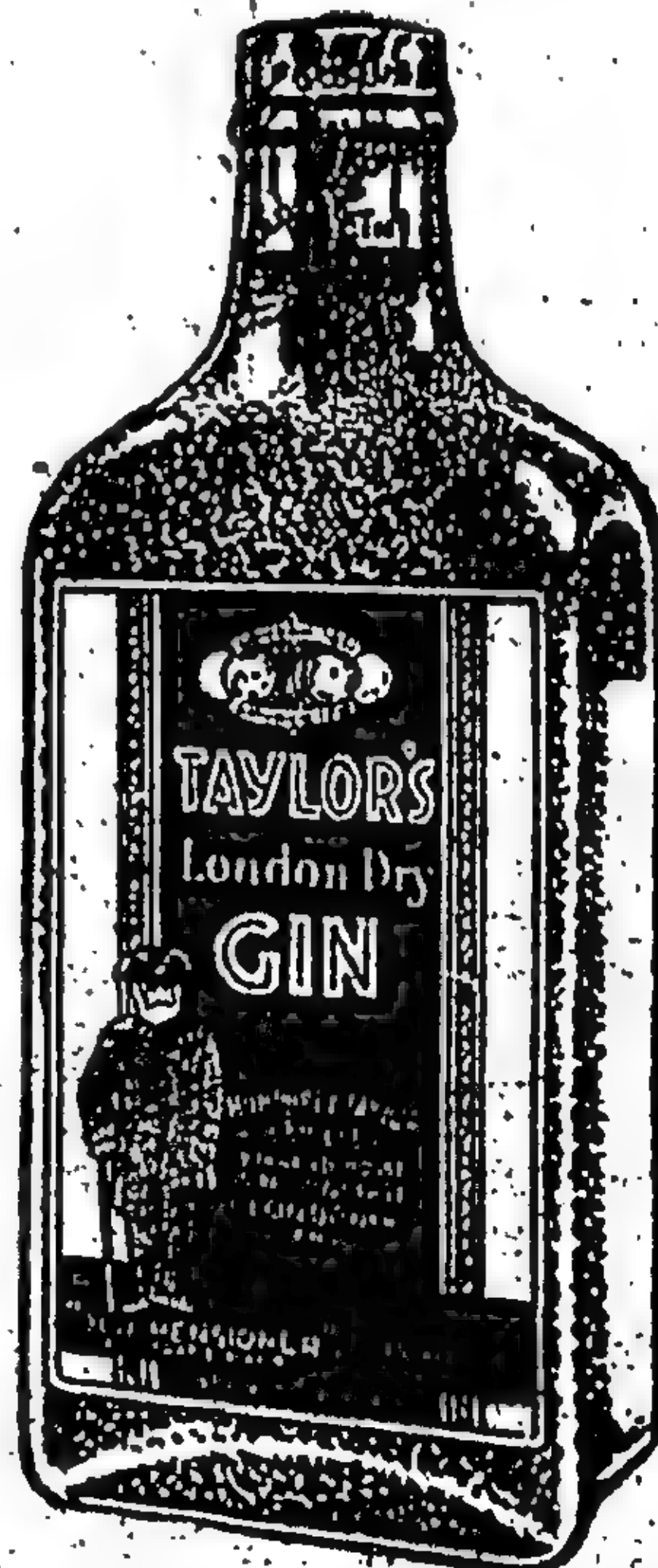
BEYOND RECOGNITION

Dr. Schacht's original emigration plan has been modified beyond recognition, and it is understood there is now no question of an outside loan nor of additional German commercial exports.

No actual agreement was reached but it is understood that Mr. Rublee regards the talks as having come to a satisfactory conclusion and that he is optimistic.—Reuter.

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Soviet Breaks Diplomatic Relations With Hungary

KING LEOPOLD ASKS FOR LESS FRICTION

Brussels, To-day.

King Leopold's intervention on questions of home policy in course of the Cabinet Council yesterday, was stressed in a communique issued later by M. Spaak.

The communique states that the King dealt with the necessity, firstly, of precision in matters of economic policy, secondly, of adaptation of the budget to the financial resources of the country and thirdly of development of social legislation.

The King discussed the question of constitutional guarantees and emphasised the principle of the separation of executive and legislative powers and insisted that administrative reforms be carried out without further delay.

Informed quarters add that the King expressed the earnest desire that the increasing friction between the parties should be diminished in the national interest. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH TRADE CAMPAIGN IN RUMANIA

London, To-day.

In connection with the first visit of the new Rumanian Minister in London, M. Tilea, to Lord Halifax, political circles point out that since the new Minister's arrival, signs have not been lacking that the British business world intends redoubling its efforts to extend Anglo-Rumanian commercial relations.

A British trade delegation will shortly proceed to Bucharest to study the possibilities of increasing the commercial exchanges between the two countries. — Trans-Ocean.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for leaving her car unattended in Saigon Street between 9.30 and 11.20 p.m. on January 11, Miss V. Tkachento, of Hankow Road, was fined \$5.

Pleading guilty by letter to speeding through the controlled-area in Nathan Road on January 13 and to failing to produce his driving licence, Capt. R. F. Colson, of Gun Club Hill, was fined \$10.

A fine of \$8 was imposed on Private H. A. Pelham, of 1st. Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, for speeding in Waterloo Road on January 11.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports decreased to moderate intensity and that the anti-cyclone over China has moved southward; pressure is highest over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

SEQUEL TO ADHERENCE TO ANTI-RED PACT

Moscow, To-day.

M. Maxim Litvinov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday informed the Hungarian Minister in Moscow that the Soviet Government had decided to sever diplomatic relations with Hungary.

Reasons given were German pressure on Hungarian affairs and Hungary's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact.

M. Litvinov informed the Hungarian Minister that the Soviet Legation in Budapest would be closed, and the Soviet Government expected closure of the Hungarian mission in Moscow.

According to the official news States, and that "the policy of the Hungarian Government shows that it easily yielded to this pressure and lost its independence to a considerable degree."

PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE

It is pointed out that the decision of the Hungarian Government to join the Anti-Comintern Pact cannot be justified by the interests of the Hungarian State itself, which by no means coincide with the aggressive aims pursued under the guise of this pact by its participants, and in the first place by Japan, and consequently the decision was forced upon the Hungarian Government from outside.

Soviet circles explain that distinction is made between the other signatories of the pact and Hungary because the other signatories are still independent States.

It is declared here: "Hungary is now a vassal of the Rome-Berlin Axis and does not deserve full diplomatic status." — Reuter.

FIRST OPENED IN 1934

In commenting on the Soviet step, the Tass agency states that since the day of the Munich agreement Hungary has been subject to increased pressure from certain States and that her adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact is not justifiable on the grounds of Hungarian interests.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries were opened in 1934 and the present Hungarian Minister to Moscow was the first Hungarian representative.

Hungary's neighbour, Yugoslavia, has never entered into diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. — Trans-Ocean.

BUDAPEST UNCONCERNED

Budapest, To-day. Hungarian circles declare that her interests will not be affected by the rupture of relations with the Soviet Union.

The volume of trade between the two countries has been exceedingly small since 1936. — Trans-Ocean.

WARNING TO OTHERS?

Moscow, To-day. At the Hungarian diplomatic mission, the decision evoked the following comment:

"The Soviet step coming so suddenly without previous warning came as a great surprise. So far nothing is known of the Hungarian Government's attitude."

The impression prevails that the action is intended as a warning to other States which might feel inclined to adhere to the anti-Comintern Pact. — Trans-Ocean.

HOUSE OF LORDS REJECTS APPEAL

London, To-day.

The House of Lords, the supreme court of appeal, yesterday disallowed the appeal of the Republican Government in Spain against the judgment of the Court of Appeal confirming the arrest of the steamer "Arantzazu" in British waters.

The steamer which belonged to a Nationalist owner had been requisitioned by the Republican Government, but at the demand of the owner was detained on arrival in a British port.

The judgment is regarded as important since, following the previous decision of the Court of Appeal, it recognises that the Franco Administration has authority in Spain independently of the Republican Government. — Trans-Ocean.

KICKED CAT TO DEATH

Pang Kun-chun, 18, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with cruelty to an animal at Wood Road, Happy Valley, yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker, who prosecuted, said defendant was seen kicking a cat on the roadside. The cat died at the Police Station as a result.

A fine of \$20 or one month's hard labour was imposed.

H.K. BROADCAST TO U.S.

Hong Kong took part last evening in the N. B. C. anniversary international broadcast, Miss Law Shun-hing singing and typical Cantonese music being relayed.

ZBW's shortwave transmitter was used, the signal being picked up in Manila and relayed from there.

WU PEI-FU BEING PLAYED 'FOR A SUCKER'

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FORMER NORTH CHINA WAR-LORD, WU PEI-FU, CONTINUE TO ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION.

Japanese continue to assert that his assumption of the proffered post is only a matter of arrangement of minor details, but other quarters say that his terms call for evacuation by Japanese troops of at least that part of China in which he is interested.

As far as can be ascertained, Wu Pei-fu at the present time is unwilling to assume any post, though the Japanese continue to apply pressure to break down his reluctance, as they need someone with a well-known name.

At the same time they continue to issue great quantities of publicity to the effect that Wu Pei-fu is willing to collaborate with them, probably hoping to get him sufficiently compromised to persuade him to accept.

In the meantime, significantly, the Japanese are preventing any foreign correspondents from gaining access to Wu Pei-fu. — Trans-Ocean.

U.S. NOT IN DANGER OF WAR

Washington, To-day.

"The United States is not in danger of entering a foreign war under this administration," said the Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, yesterday.

Mr. Ickes was commenting on Mr. Herbert Hoover's speech the previous night in which the former President attacked President Roosevelt's policy, saying that it would possibly lead to war. — Reuter.

HELICOPTER SETS HEIGHT RECORD

Berlin, To-day.

A German helicopter plane, Focke FW 61, according to press reports last evening, set up a new altitude record for planes of this type climbing to a height of 3,570 meters which is 1,000 meters more than the previous record.

Focke FW 61, which was designed by Professor Focke, can not only start from land vertically and stand still in the air but can also fly long distances with a speed equalling that of normal planes. — Trans-Ocean.

New York, To-day.

The German heavyweight world champion, Max Schmeling, arrived in New York aboard the "Normandie" yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

Cheng Choi, 47, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, when charged with unlawful possession of a 380 automatic pistol and 47 rounds of ammunition.

News Snack Bar

1938 BOOM IN BOY-GIRL MARRIAGES

Marriages of couples under twenty-one, and particularly of boys and girls of sixteen, lowest legal age, increased during the past year. Registrars all over London noted this trend.

TRADESMEN — FRONT DOOR

Because people who call at the home of Mrs. King, of Hoe Bridge Estate, Old Woking, Surrey, frighten away birds who come to feed on breadcrumbs in her garden a notice has been placed on her gate reading: "All tradesmen kindly use front door—not to disturb the birds in the garden."

Beas, a retriever, oldest dog at Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, has died, aged sixteen years—the equivalent of 112 years of human life.

Although he has lived in London for twenty years, Mr. Richard Alfred Ware, Harrow-road, Paddington, W., has never been inside a cinema.

Mr. James Gordon, eighty-five, of Little Downham, Ely (Cams), still farms three acres of land and keeps pigs. Until five years ago he walked five miles every Thursday to market.

WHEN LAUGHING IS FUN

"Stinks" masters would have envied the rapt attention which several hundred schoolchildren gave Dr. James Kendall, professor of chemistry, when he lectured at the Royal Institution (London). High spot of the afternoon came when Dr. Kendall "gassed" to them about gases. With memories of visits to the dentist, the audience watched fascinated as a demonstrator—no volunteers—inhaled laughing gas and cheerfully allowed the lecturer to stick a pin into him.

BUMPS THAT ADD KNOWLEDGE

Motor accidents have given surgeons a new term—bumper fractures. Dr. A. H. Gregson, of Doncaster Infirmary, said at a Doncaster inquest yesterday that fractures of both legs immediately below the knee, caused by a person being struck by bumper-bars, were now common. The terms "bumper-fracture" was given to these cases and used in medical text books.

The Registrar of Hackney, says that he has married four girls of sixteen to men under twenty-one, one of the bridegrooms being only sixteen.

"In the past year or so, wages for these youngsters have gone up."

MORE WAGES, FREEDOM

"They have more money, and also more freedom. They have their half-days off, and they get about and meet each other at clubs for sport, cycling or hiking, and as they come in contact younger, so they marry younger."

"There is more freedom of thought, too. Many of the parents agree with these early marriages."

A Registrar at Lambeth thought the girls wanted to settle down earlier than they did in the past.

"The girl is always pleased to become Mrs. So-and-so," he said. "She seems thrilled at the prospect of a home of her own."



German refugees in large numbers will be trained as agriculturists and settled in the Empire by the Society of Friends if the Government consents and the money can be raised. Already a number of refugees are being trained at three centres and after a year's training efforts will be made to settle them in the Colonies or Dominions. This picture was taken at Flint Hall Farm, Hambleton, near Henley on Thames, and the boys are receiving a lesson in ploughing.

A.R.P. TO GET UNDERGROUND

Hull is to have underground A.R.P. headquarters, so that, in the event of air-raids taking place, there will be no disorganisation. The new offices will be in a building where large underground rooms will be equipped for the immediate transfer in emergency.

CHURCH'S BUSINESS CHIEF

Sir Philip Wilbraham, Baker-Wilbraham has been appointed First Church Estates Commissioner in succession to the late Sir George Middleton.

This picture tells its own story. Can you read it? The photographer found the police outside a cobbler's shop in a back street at Lynton, North Devon.

SET HAIR STYLE

Verna Viscountess Churchill whose death took place in London at 73, set a new hair style near the close of the Victorian era by wearing a single curl on her forehead. Only close friends knew that the curl hid a scar received when Viscountess Churchill, a fearless rider to hounds, was struck by a branch while riding through a wood.

BLONDES TOO RECKLESS

FOR CHESS

Blondes are no good at chess. They can't concentrate; they are too reckless. So says Mr. A. Rider, director of the Hastings Chess Congress, where the games are played in silence broken only by the ticking of the move-timing clocks.

"Fair-haired people," said Mr. Rider, "men and women alike, do not seem to have the powers of concentration necessary for the game. They become nervous and reckless under the strain of the competition atmosphere, in which brunettes are at their ease. Among foreign visitors, although Germans are dominant, there is not a single blonde Nordic among them."

Who cares? Or maybe it is that chess is not suitable to blondes.

This has nothing to do with mental ability. Have you ever heard of a great chess player being anything except a great chess player? But blondes have built Empires.

MORE DRAW POOR RELIEF

The number of persons in receipt of poor relief in England and Wales for the quarter ended September 30, 1938, was 1,030,976, a decrease of 9,376 when compared with the corresponding total at the end of June, but an increase of 13,659 when compared with the end of September last year.

THEY MUSTN'T GROW CHRYSANTHEMUMS

So serious in the view taken of a foreign pest known as the chrysanthemum midge, which has appeared in the east end of Belfast, that the Ministry of Agriculture has prohibited the growing of chrysanthemums in that area.

An official said that if the midge became established the growing of chrysanthemums would become impossible. Object of the prohibition was to starve out the pest.



With the object of providing comfort for baby and solving a problem for mothers and nurses a napkin washing service has been started in London. Nappies Delivery Service collects, washes, sterilises and delivers napkins wrapped in cellophane. Photo shows how the babies' napkins are packed in sterilised enamel containers. The girls handling them all wear hygienic masks and gloves.

BOUGHT 411,000

TOOTHBRUSHES

Over 411,000 tooth brushes were purchased from England for the use of British soldiers in India in 1937-38, according to a Delhi report. This was an increase of 106,000 over the figure for 1936-37.

Other purchases included:—968,000 yards of mosquito netting from England, and 65,000 yards bought in India; 206,511 pairs of puttees; 106,000 yards of shirting, and 113,390 woollen vests.

ELECTRIC HORNS ON CARS

BANNED IN BOMBAY

No electric horns will be permitted on cars in Bombay from April 1, this year.

The ban is an experimental one lasting only six months, but it is stated that in all probability it will become permanent.

The measure is designed to reduce the nuisance from excessive use of powerful electric horns. Already there is a run on bulb horns.

The news will not surprise those who know Bombay. Technique of local drivers is similar to that of Paris drivers... go flat out and depend on a horn to prevent accidents. Wealthy local-born folk have a real love for going about like a fire-engine on a brigade call.



John, the shoebill at the London Zoo, has to be fed by hand as he will not pick up his food—although 'goodness knows his bill is large enough.' Photo shows John about to sample a spoonful of minced fish—he is quite faddy about his food.

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HOW THE ANNEXATION Arms Material In Sudetenland

Some of the weak as well as the strong points of the German economic structure are revealed in the annual report of the State-owned Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft.

For the first time it is possible to appraise the economic consequences of the annexation of Austria and the Sudetenland.

The annexation of the Sudetenland, in particular, has brought a remarkable increase in Germany's potential war resources. Among the mineral substances of special importance for military purposes which this territory can provide are:

Antimony, which is required for shrapnel bullets;

Lead; iron; manganese, which is needed for the manufacture of extra hard steels;

Copper; nickel; tungsten, which is used for "high speed" tool steels, tin and zinc.

None of these minerals has yet been produced in very large quantities in the Sudeten areas. It is stated, however, that there are possibilities of extensive development.

RADIUM AND LIGNITE

Apart from these resources, Germany, as a result of the incorporation of the Sudetenland, now has at her disposal 90 per cent. of the world production of lignite. She has obtained important supplies of china clay and graphite, and has become the second largest radium producer in the world, by acquiring the uranium pitch-blende of St. Joachimsthal which yielded 5,019 milligrammes in 1936.

The other side of the picture is provided by the additional strain on Germany's economic and financial structure imposed by the adventurous foreign policy and territorial gains of 1938.

Austria is responsible for nearly a half of the Reich's adverse trade

balance of some 450,000,000 marks—\$87,500,000 at the official rate of exchange—accumulated last year. This is a liability which is causing some hard thinking among the controllers of Germany's trade policy.

The report throws considerable light on Germany's grain storing policy. In spite of the record harvest of 1938, imports of grain in the first three months of the current agricultural year, August to October, rose to 1,440,000 tons, as compared with 1,190,000 tons in the previous year.

At present there is storage space for 5,600,000 tons of grain, and this is to be rapidly increased by another 4,000,000 tons. The consumption of grain in a normal year is estimated at about 25,000,000 tons, while last year's harvest without imports brought in 29,000,000.

NATIONAL FAT RESERVE

A national fat reserve is also being formed. This consisted at the end of July of 44,000 tons of animal fats, and 418,000 tons of vegetable fat and whale oil. A similar policy is being followed in raw materials, but figures are not available.

Although tax receipts in the financial year 1938-9 are expected to reach the record figure of £1,400,-

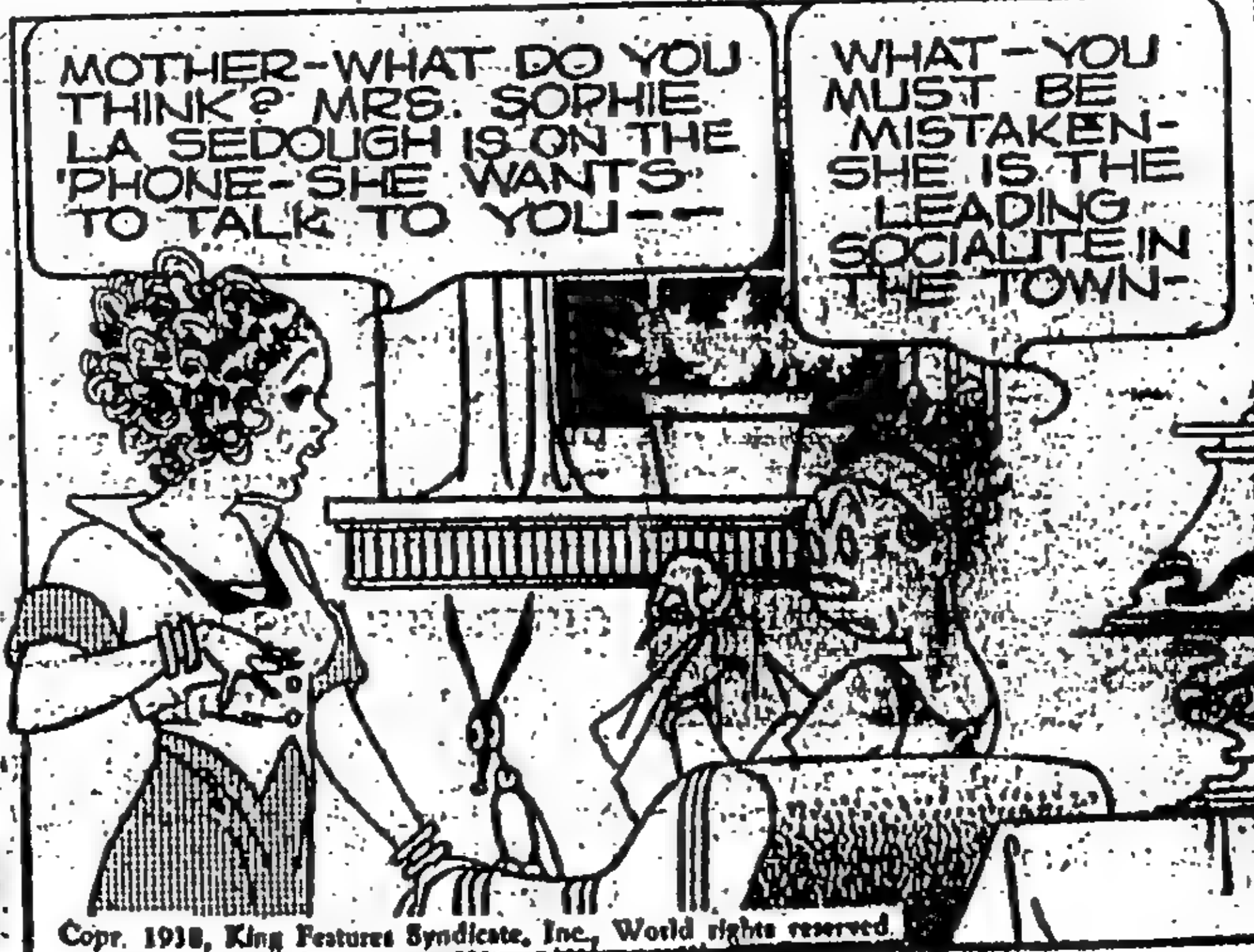
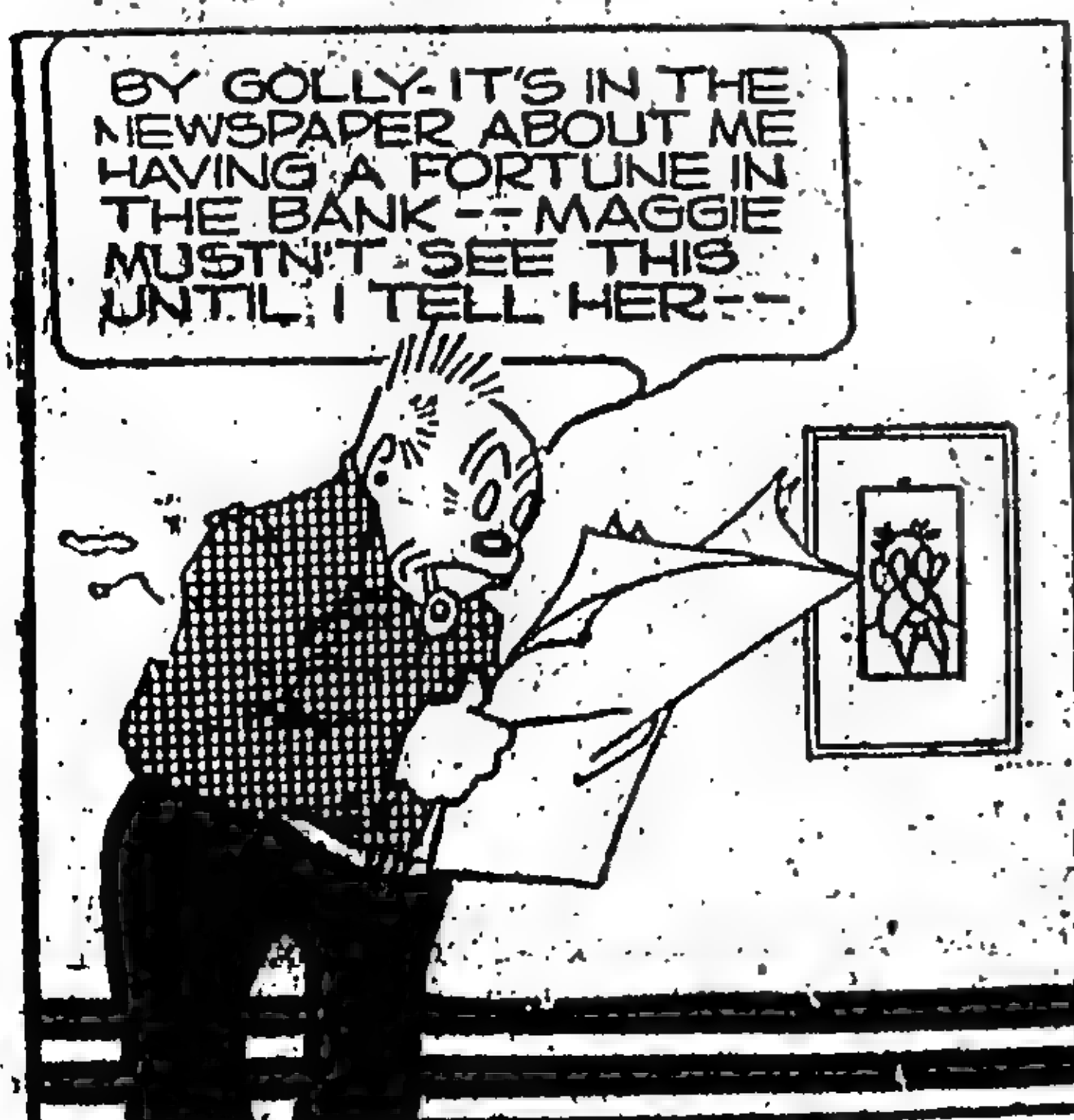
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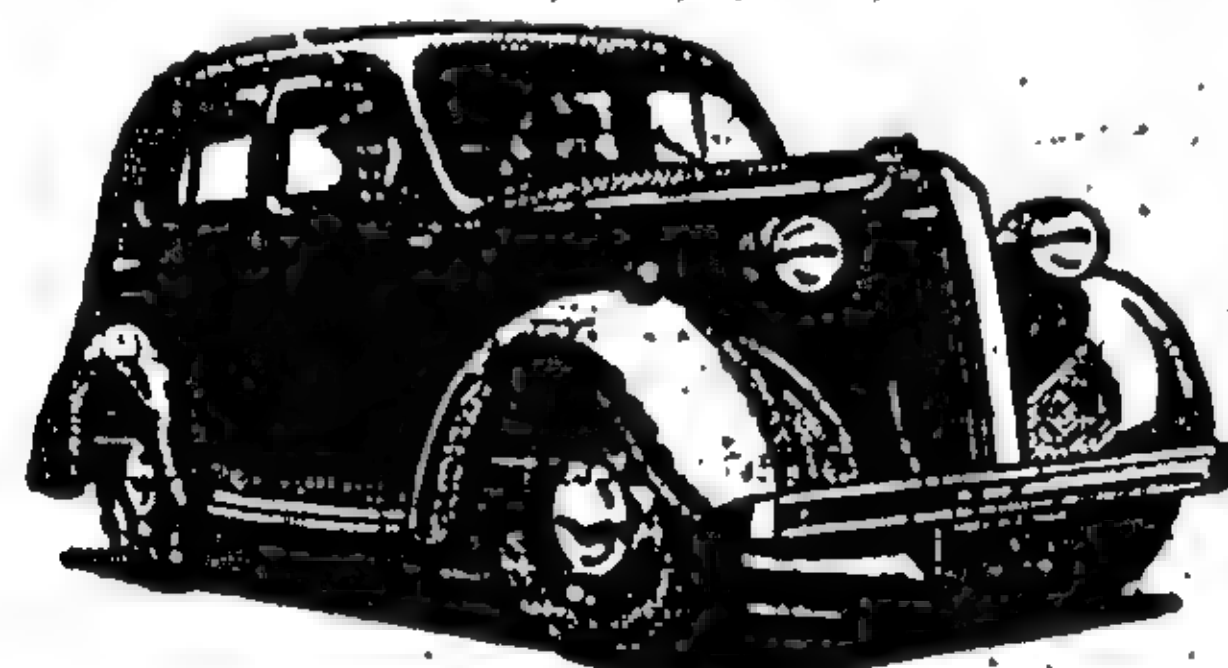
in the value of goods produced. The best comment on this is that in 1938 industrial production increased by no more than 6 per cent.

Every consideration of Germany's position in world trade necessarily led, declares the report, to the Colonial problem. The principle of

the open door and economic equality of rights mean that Germany, too, must possess Colonial sources of raw materials.

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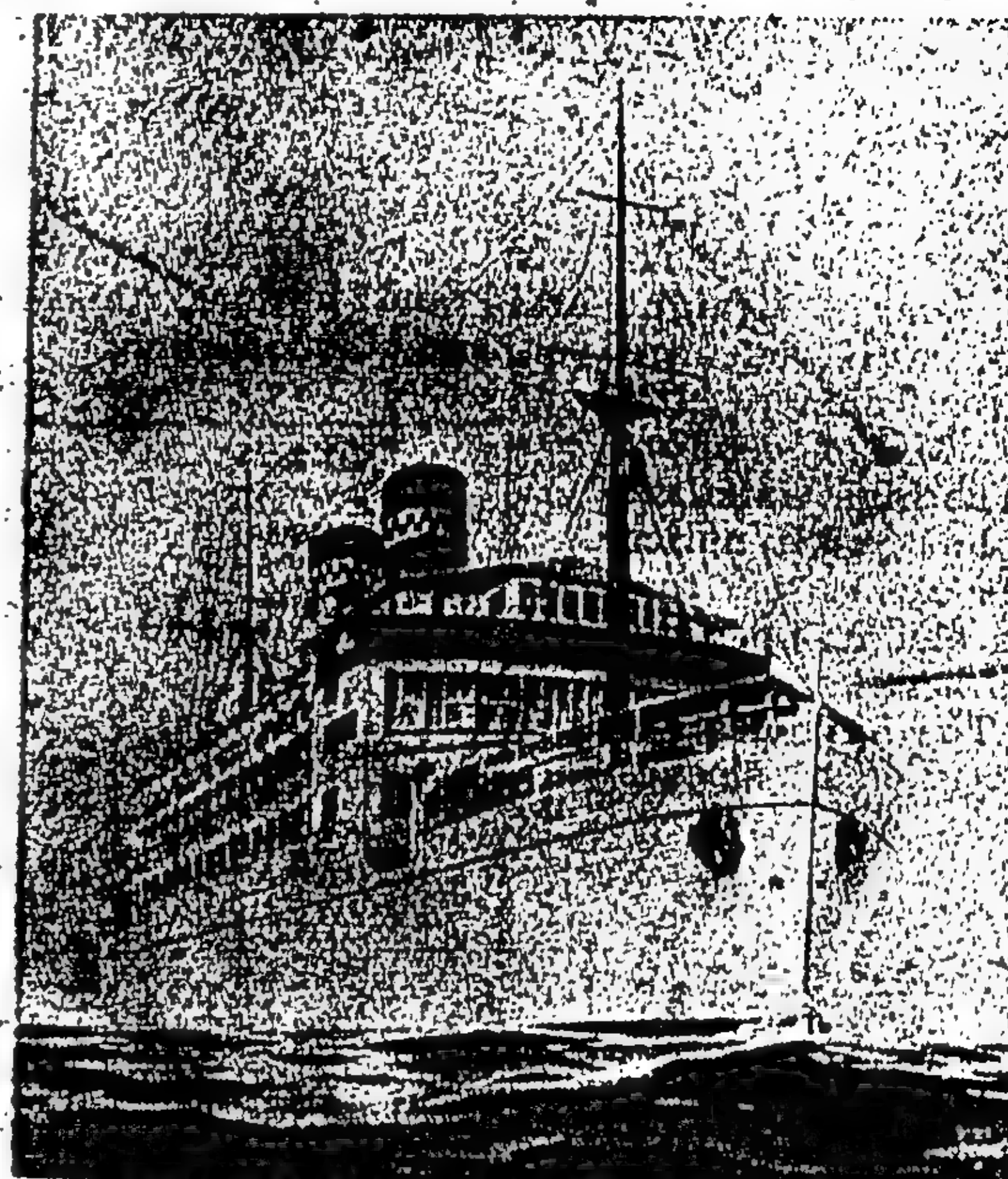
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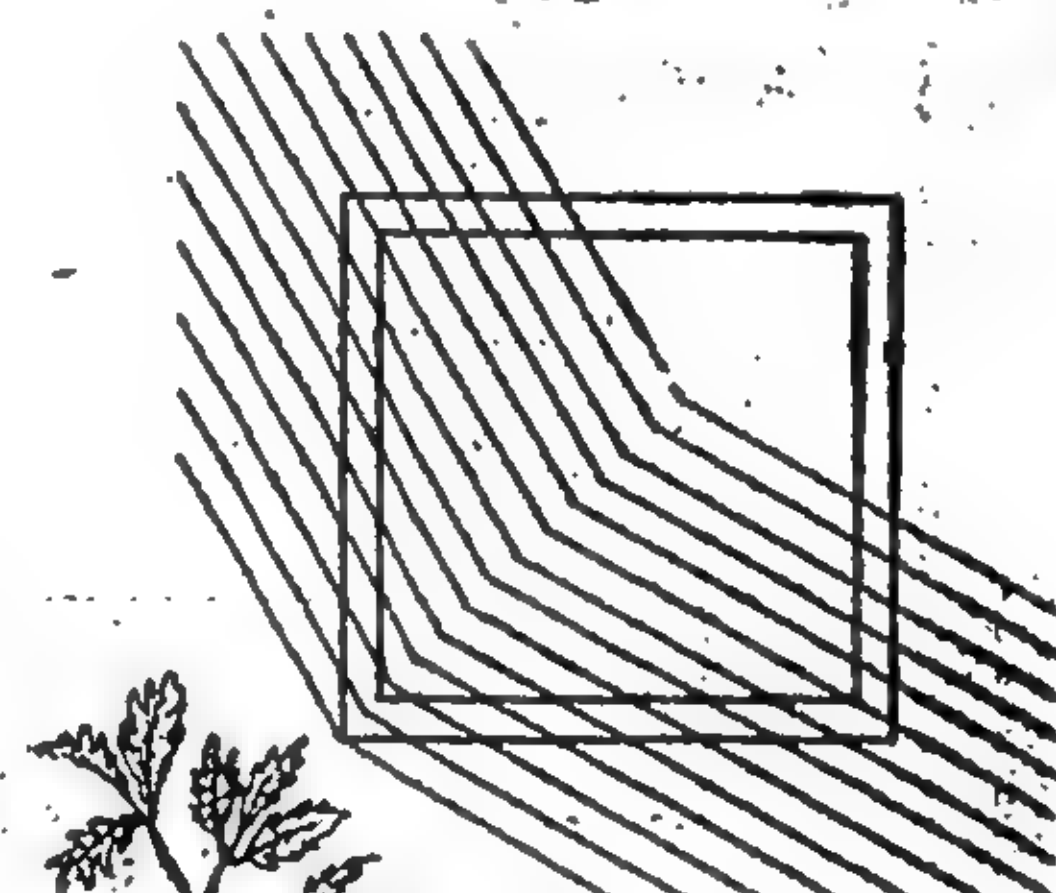
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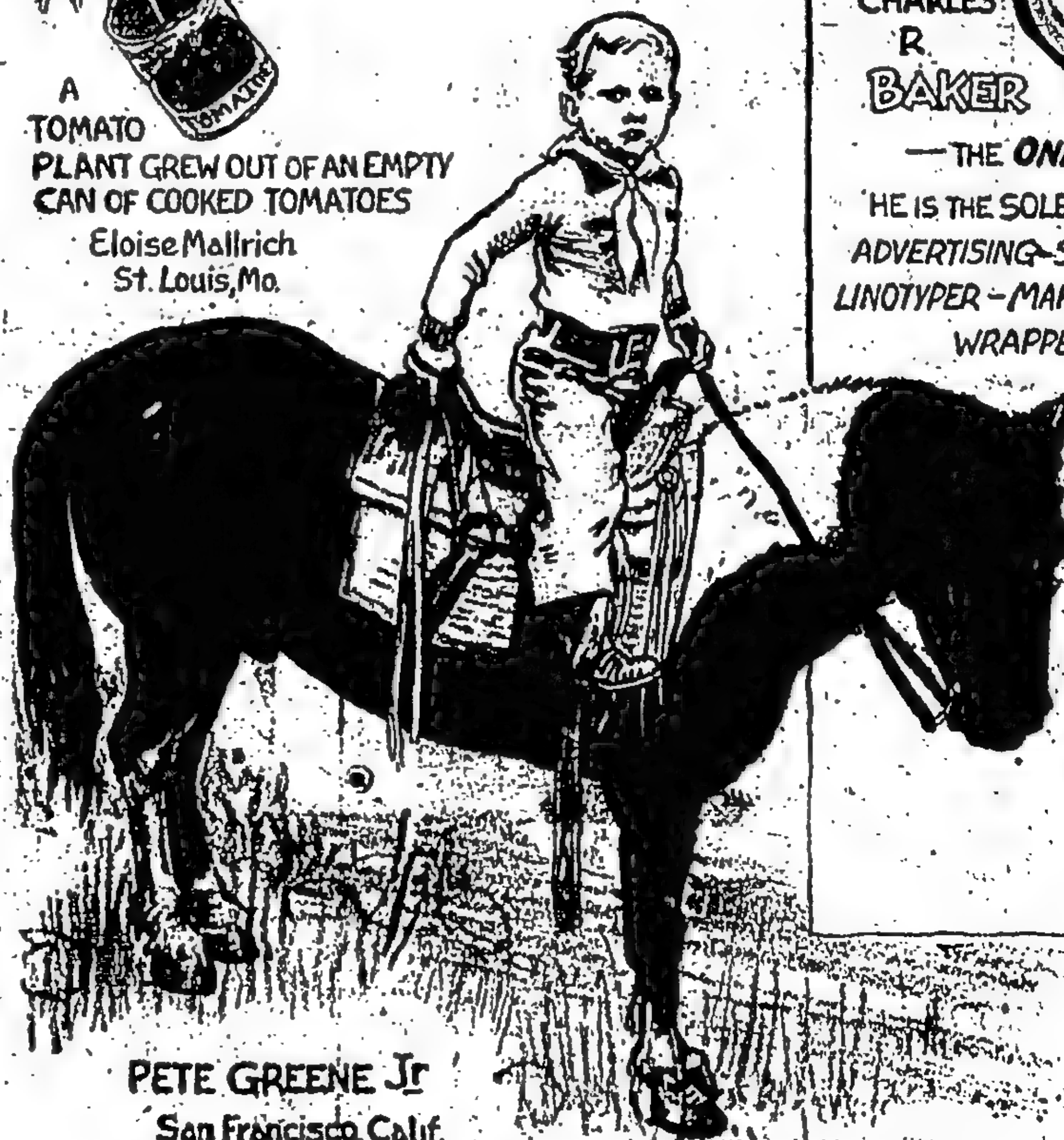
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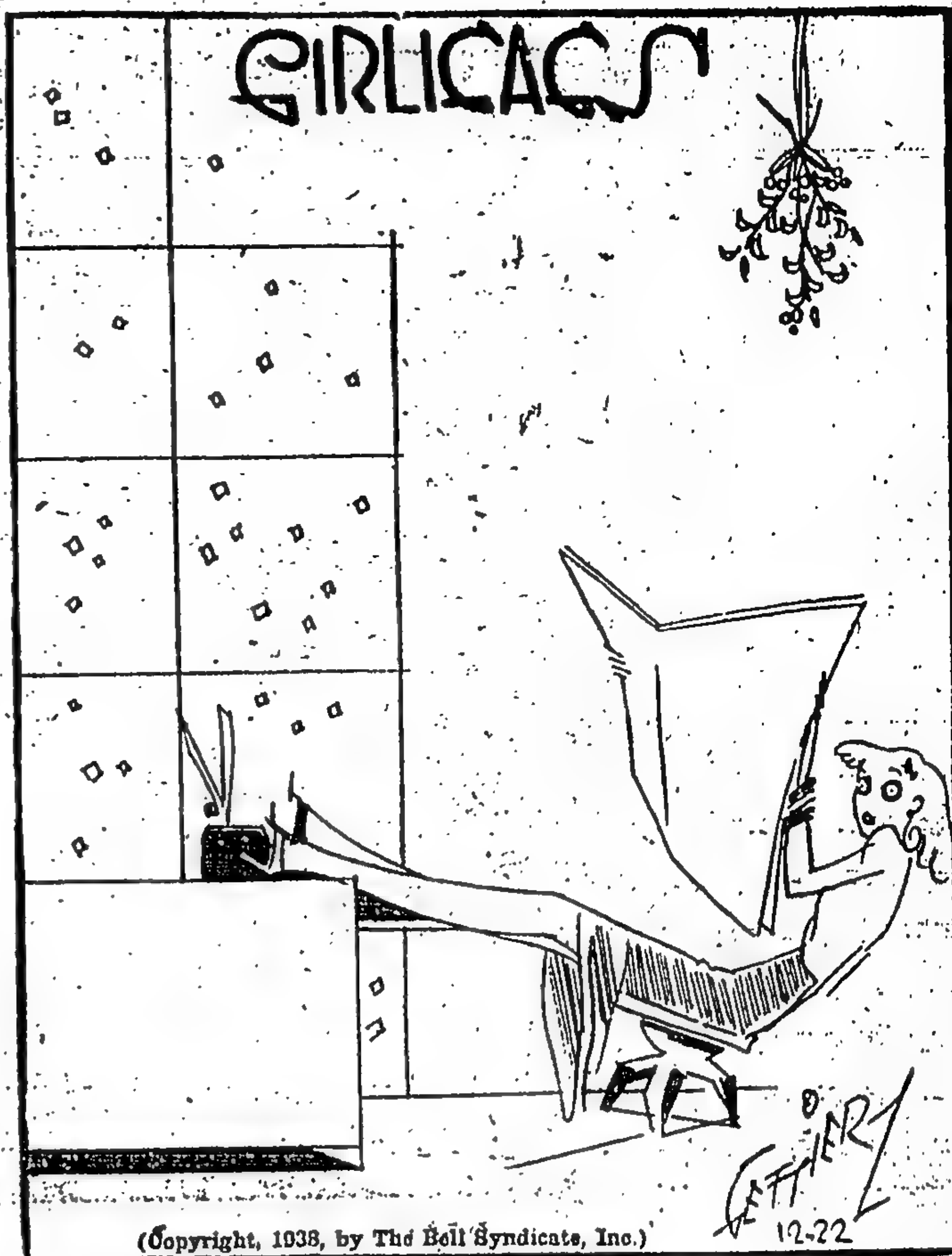


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To ring in the New, here is a New Year's bell to be in spirit with the Season. The clapper of the bell is a bottle of lovely perfume and the bell is enclosed in cellophane, decorated with ribbon. It's just one of the many, many perfumes you must resolve to have!

Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

New Standards Of Deportment

It is interesting to note that the fashioned herself into a being of day of the young hoyden has past. At This year's belle is a gracious any rate it is very obvious that our young lady with new dignity. And young girls are living up to the her manners are so decorous that dramatic importance of being ladies! they bear comment. They make their picturesque en-

What has inspired this welcome trances in gowns that symbolize the change in our fledglings? The care- feminine graces, and their good less, madcap, slouchy debutante is manners seem to come easily and as much out of fashion as the naturally. Of course. I am speaking hideous long-waisted, knee-length of the belles.

Some believe the revival of ro- mantic fashions to be responsible. But I believe the current fashions were inspired by the new trend in woman's demeanor.

For basic standards of charm change but little. Variations from those standards, (such as the brassy manner of the post-war deb) are but flurries soon passed. Truth, honesty and Kindness are the essentials of feminine beauty, and beauty is ever current despite its occasional dimming by spectacular and super- ficial flurries.

The wheel has turned, and time goes on. Perhaps woman realized that man dotes on attractive de- portment and she gradually re-

NEVER TOO YOUNG TO LEARN Other youngsters who have not yet awakened to the new trend had better get in step. For it takes time and practice for pleasing man- ners to become entirely unselfcon- scious, if early training has been lacking. Exaggerated speech and dress, conspicuous gestures and a hoyden vocabulary simply have no place in a young girl's personality to-day. Superficial mannerisms are never in good taste, and less so to-day than ever.

The wise little bunny will take pride in the new trend of charm and ever practice the good old rules of behaviour. Her grooming will be beyond criticism and her graciousness, without affectation. She will avoid doing and saying things which detract from her love- lines and she will reap great joy from being numbered among the youthful belles!



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Cut up to points in front, the skirt has a tiny princess waistline and graceful fullness at the hem. (If you're subject to blouse-slip- ping-out trouble you'll like this skirt especially, on account of the high cut.) For the skirt, choose wool broadcloth, flannel, velveteen or tweed; for the blouse, linen, satin, flat crepe, challis.



SAFE DIET FOR GASTRIC ULCERS

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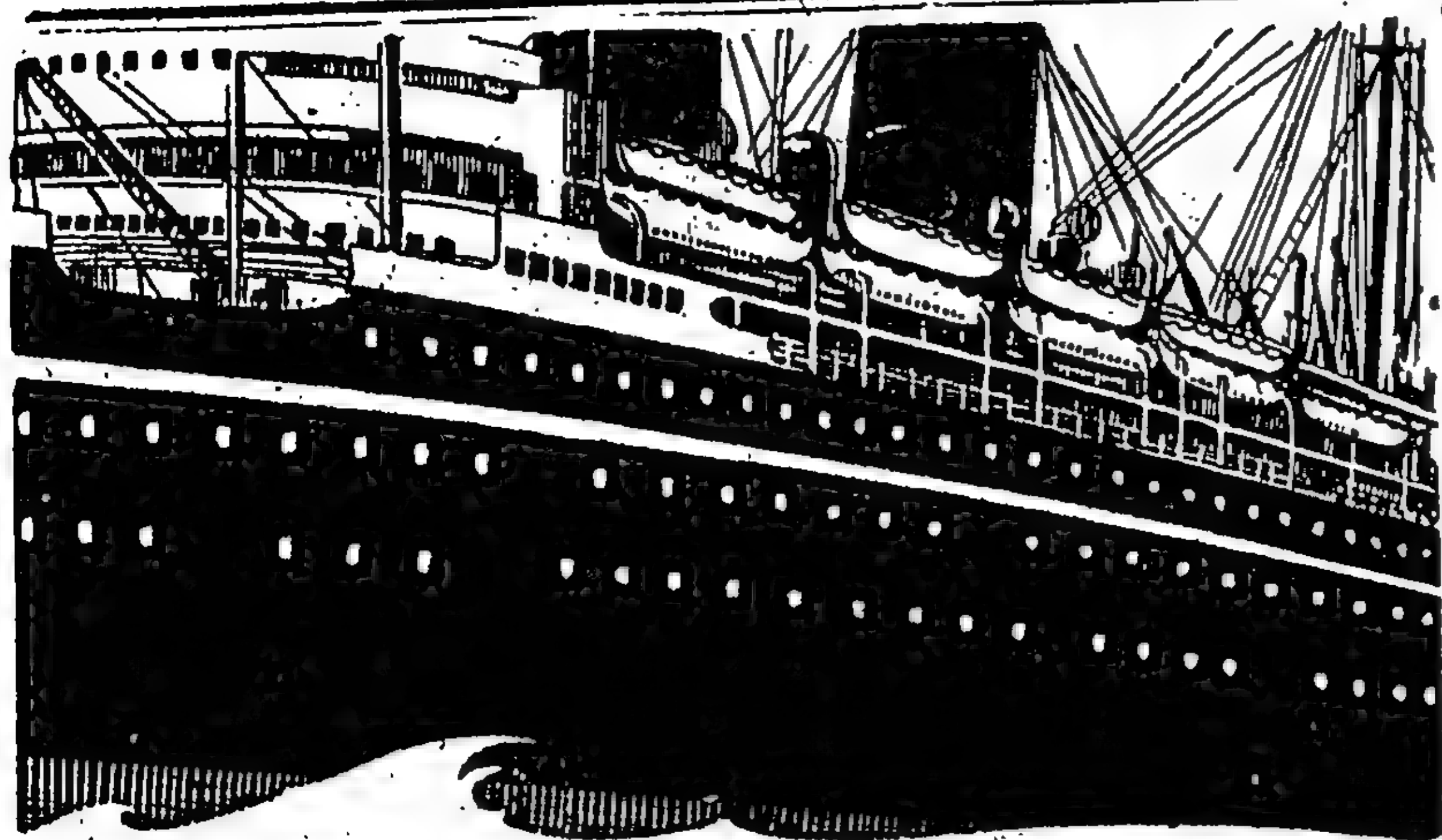


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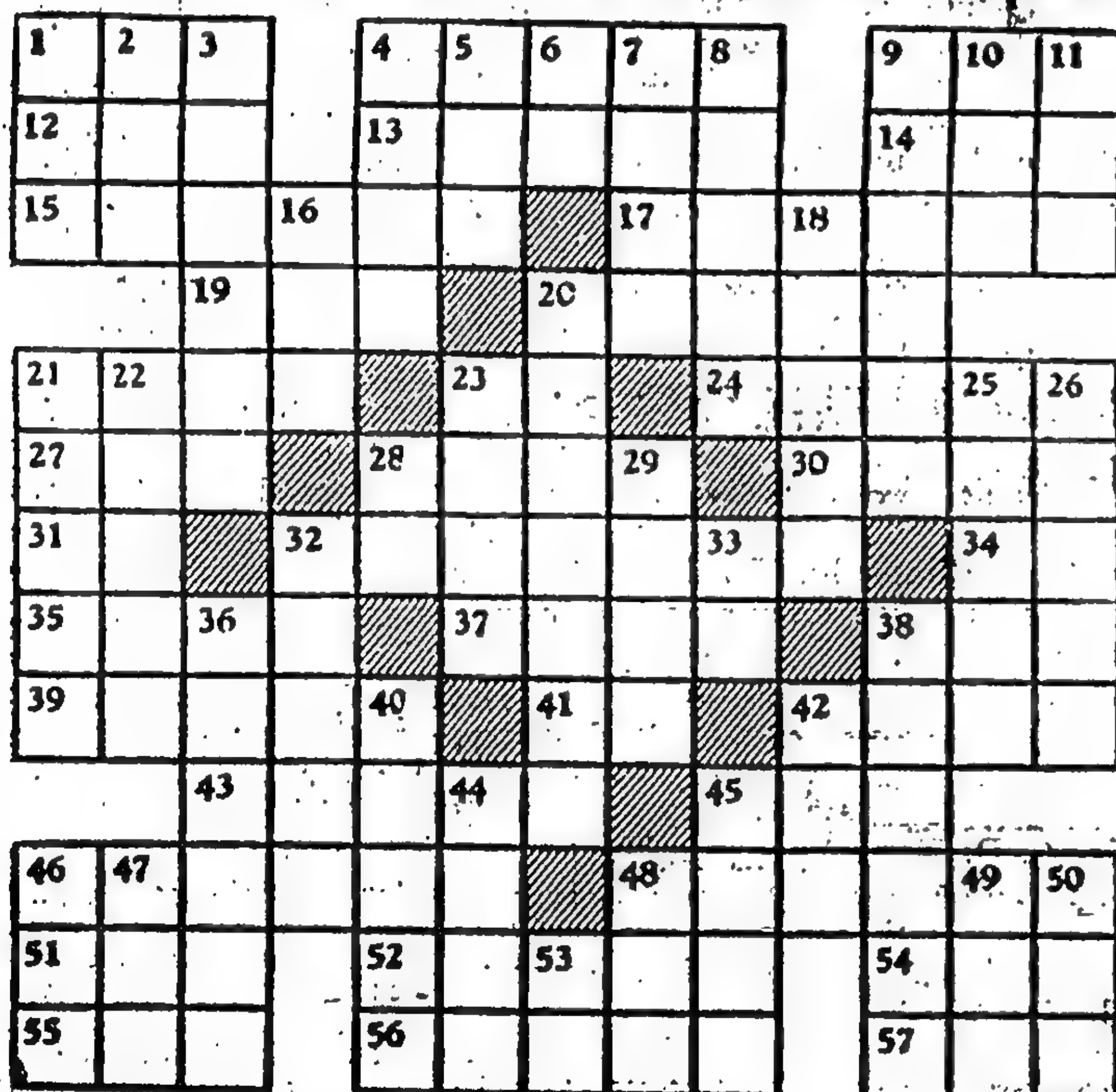
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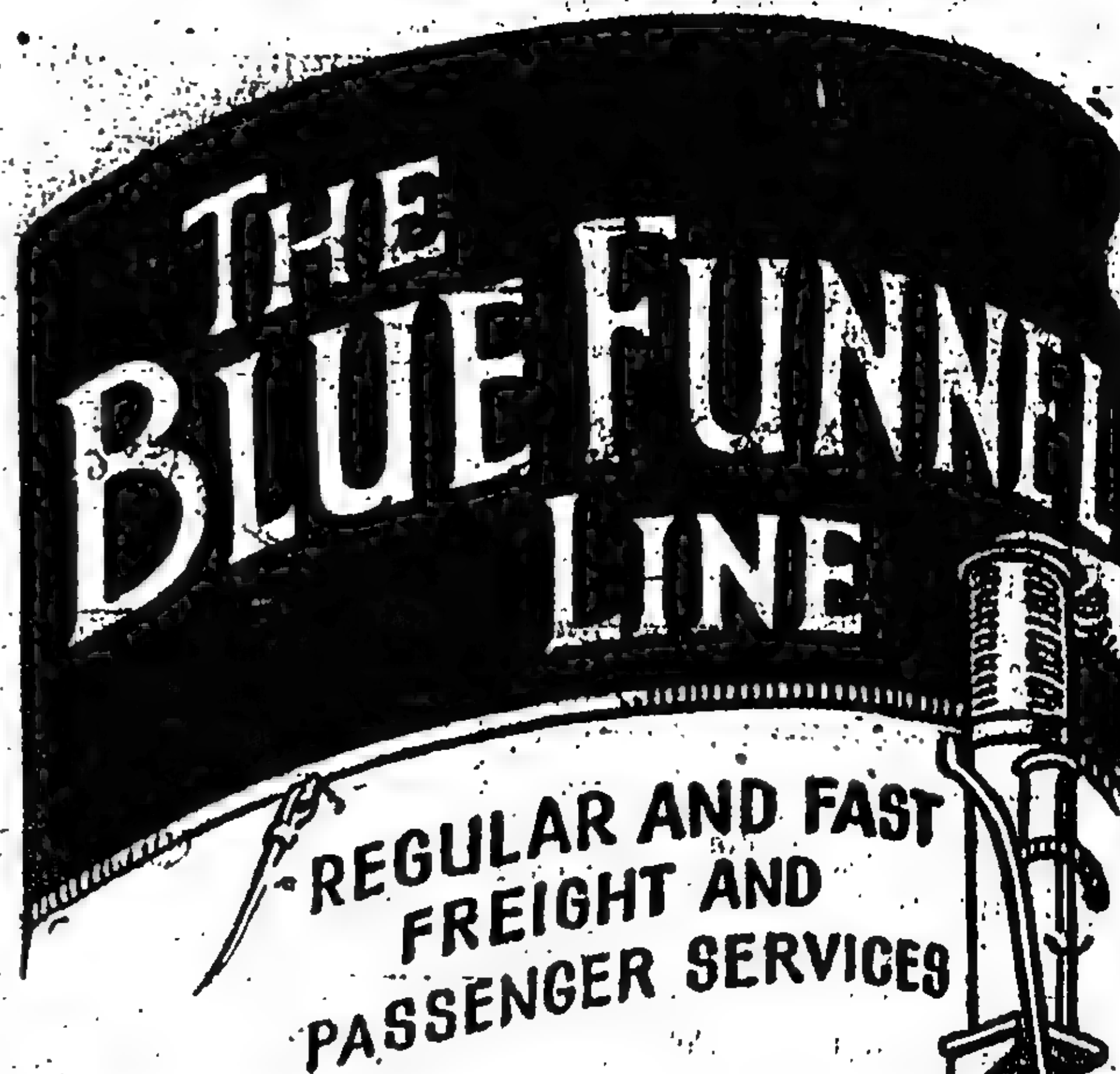
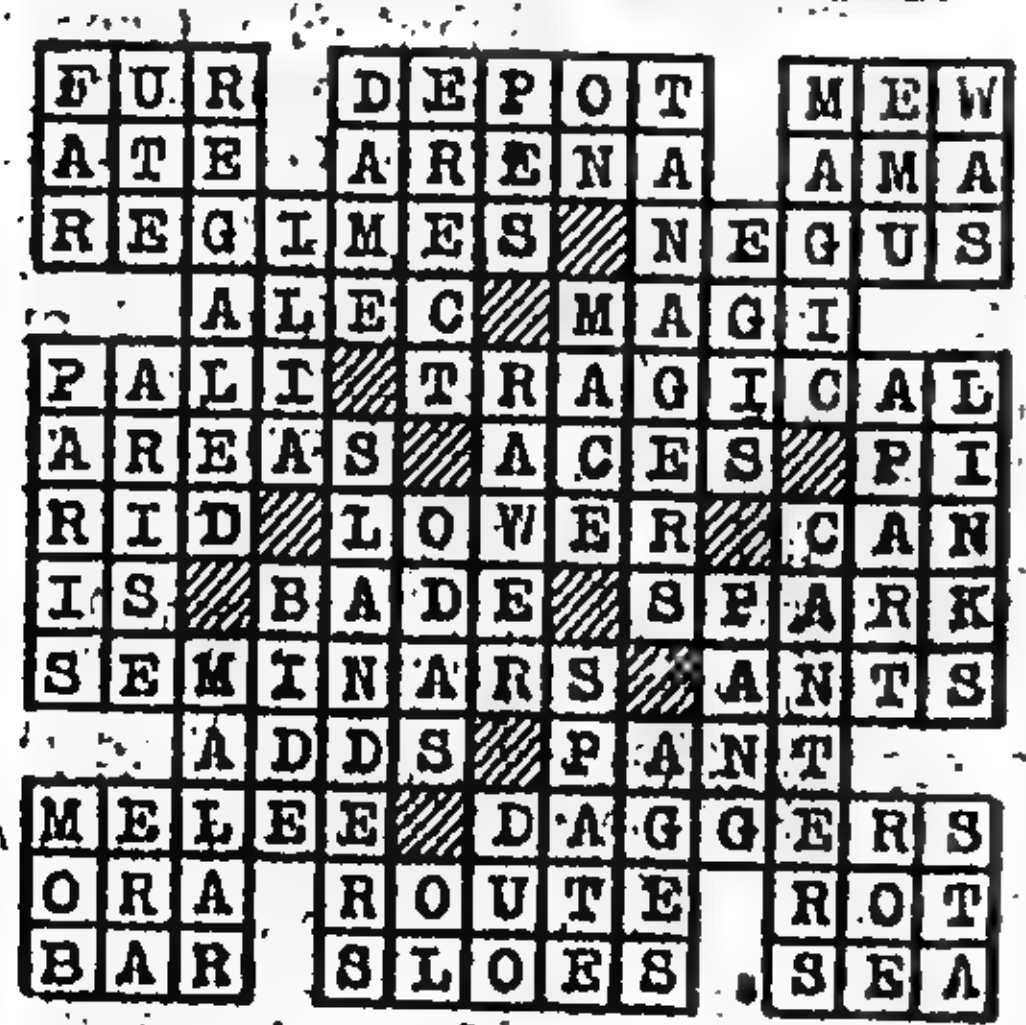
- 1 English game
- 4 Turkish general
- 9 Sea gull
- 12 To be duo
- 13 To have effect
- 14 100 square meters
- 15 Quirrels (var.)
- 17 To fawn
- 19 Norse sea god
- 20 Petulant
- 21 To coil into ball
- 23 Pronoun
- 24 Shifts of service
- 27 Gaelic sea god
- 28 Shank
- 30 To fix
- 31 Part to "to be"
- 32 Rambling
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Hub
- 37 Grecian port
- 38 Shelter
- 39 March
- 41 Preposition

VERTICAL

- 42 To depend
- 43 Irish novelist
- 45 To cuddle
- 46 Trims
- 48 Dawn
- 51 Drunkard
- 52 Ingenuous
- 54 Pronoun
- 55 Frosting
- 56 Airs

VERTICAL

- 1 Omnivorous mammal
- 2 To admit
- 3 Heavy cloth
- 4 Irish soldier
- 5 Hypothetical being
- 6 Greek letter
- 7 Roguish
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- 10 Unit of work
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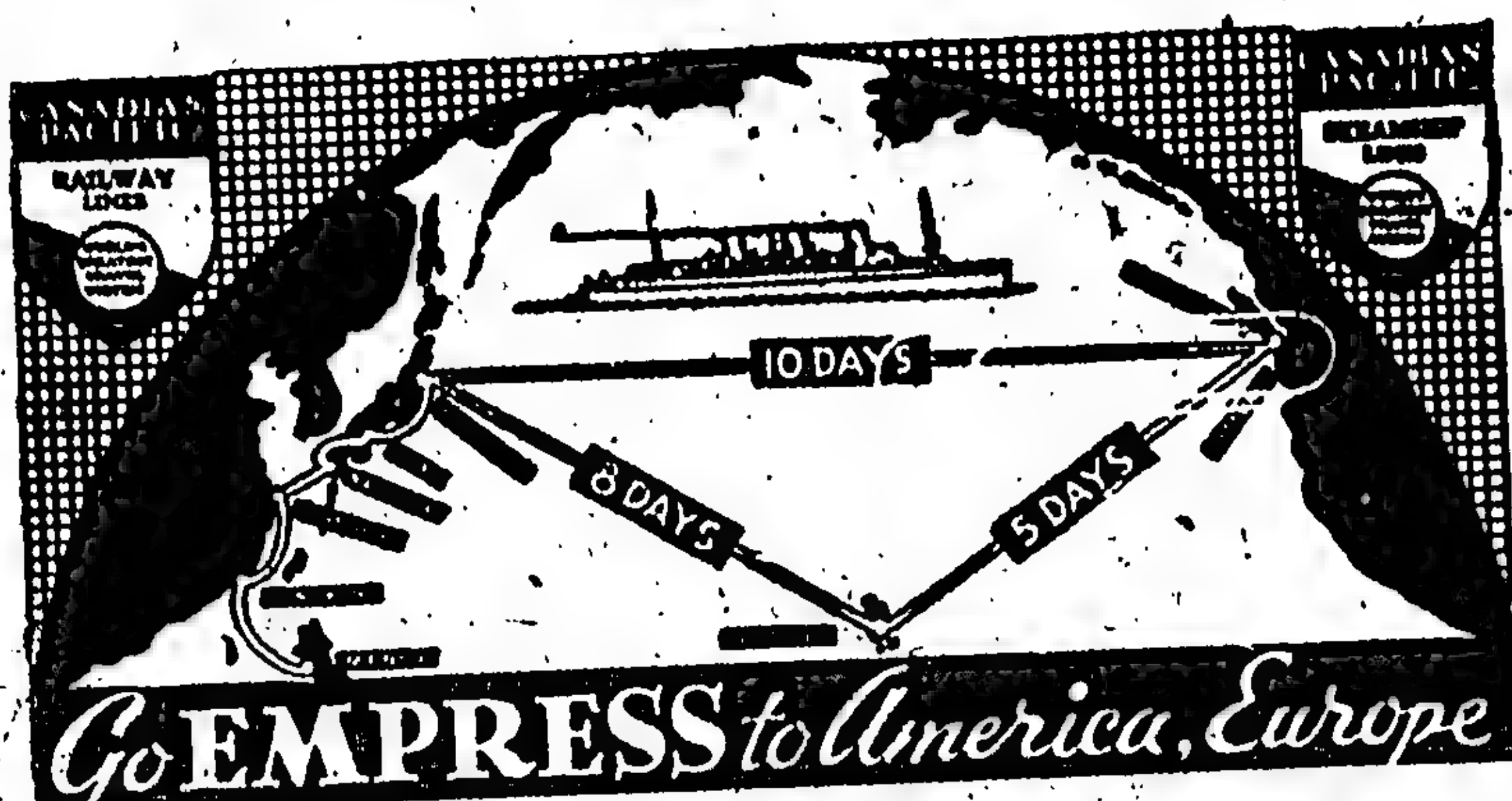
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STORY OF THE SALE OF A MOTOR CAR

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Ka Sai-man, alias Ka Tung, 25, was charged with uttering, with intent to defraud, a forged receipt for the sale of a motor car, purporting to be signed by D. Davies.

Mr. Davies, recalled, said that never on any date, did he sell the car to defendant or any other person.

Mr. T. G. Stokes, of Police Headquarters, said that the car was originally registered in the name of Dr. K. Y. Lai, Mr. Davies on September 18, 1937, Ka Sai-man, on November 22, 1937, and then Tsang Wan-cheong.

Richard Wong, of Gilman's Garage, told the Court that, some time ago, a broker named John Leung visited his office with defendant and asked to try out the car and \$250 was paid as deposit. Defendant two days later agreed to buy the car on instalments.

Defendant, giving evidence, said he bought the car through John Leung. The receipt was given by Leung, and he knew nothing about Mr. Davies. He gave \$950 in cash to Leung and \$250 to R. Wong, of Gilman's.

The car was later mortgaged to Tsang Wan-cheong for \$500, and he gave Tsang the licence book and the receipt.

Mr. Russ, who pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant, said that as soon as defendant had agreed to pay for the car, he had the right to do anything he liked with it, with no intention to defraud.

The case was again adjourned.

RAIN BRINGS WAR LULL

Changsha, To-day.
Continuous rain has deepened the lull in north Hunan. Military transport on both sides is difficult as the roads are badly cut up.—Central News.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, senior Magistrate of Hong Kong, has reported the loss of a gold cigarette case, valued at \$2 10s., somewhere in the Central district.

BRITAIN TO REVALUE GOLD AT CURRENT MARKET PRICE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GOLD MINING SHARES ROSE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY FOLLOWING ISSUE THE PREVIOUS NIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL AMENDING THE CURRENCY AND BANK NOTES ACTS, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE GOLD HOLDING OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND IS TO BE REVALUED AT THE MARKET PRICE.

The step was foreseen at the time of the Treasury announcement on the fiduciary issue early last month, but other proposals contained in the Bill have taken the public by surprise, and they are generally regarded as constituting an important stage in development of the British monetary system.

The Bill provides that the Bank's gold reserve and other assets of the issue department will be subject to revaluation weekly at current prices, and that any difference between this valuation and note circulation shall be adjusted by movements of gold between the Bank and the Exchange Equalisation Account.

GREATER FLEXIBILITY

The Bill will also reduce the fiduciary issue (recently increased to £400,000,000) to £300,000,000 and will repeal the section of the 1844 Bank Charter Act which obliges the Bank to issue notes in return for gold.

It is stated there is no precedent in central banking history for the proposal that the gold reserve be valued at the independent market price.

Object of the measure is assumed to be to introduce greater flexibility into "management" of the national monetary system, of which the British authorities now have very considerable experience, and the comment of financial writers is generally favourable.—British Wireless.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY ECHO OF CONTE VERDE SALVAGE AFTER TYPHOON

(Continued from Page 4)

others. The Ship's Carpenter deserves special mention. Mr. Popoff, our Diver, did magnificent work, and our watchless Chinese riggers were just their usual selves. Mr. Brayfield with his vast experience was specially helpful and gave us very great assistance. I ought to mention others but my little speech would become a catalogue, there is one other gentleman, Captain Scarpa, whom I must thank. Captain Scarpa was patient and understanding and his contribution to our success was a very considerable one.

"We divided the operations into two parts, the first to lighten and float the fore end and drag it into deep water and secondly to load the fore end by hanging large tanks or camels and by filling up the foremost lower hold, so lifting and releasing the stern. All that was necessary for success was that the Good Lord should send the tide, which he did a day early in the case of the first move but fortunately we were ready. On the night of the second operation I think we all felt we had received our reward when, on ordering tugs to start towing I was hailed from the fore-castle head that the wires were coming in and ship moving.

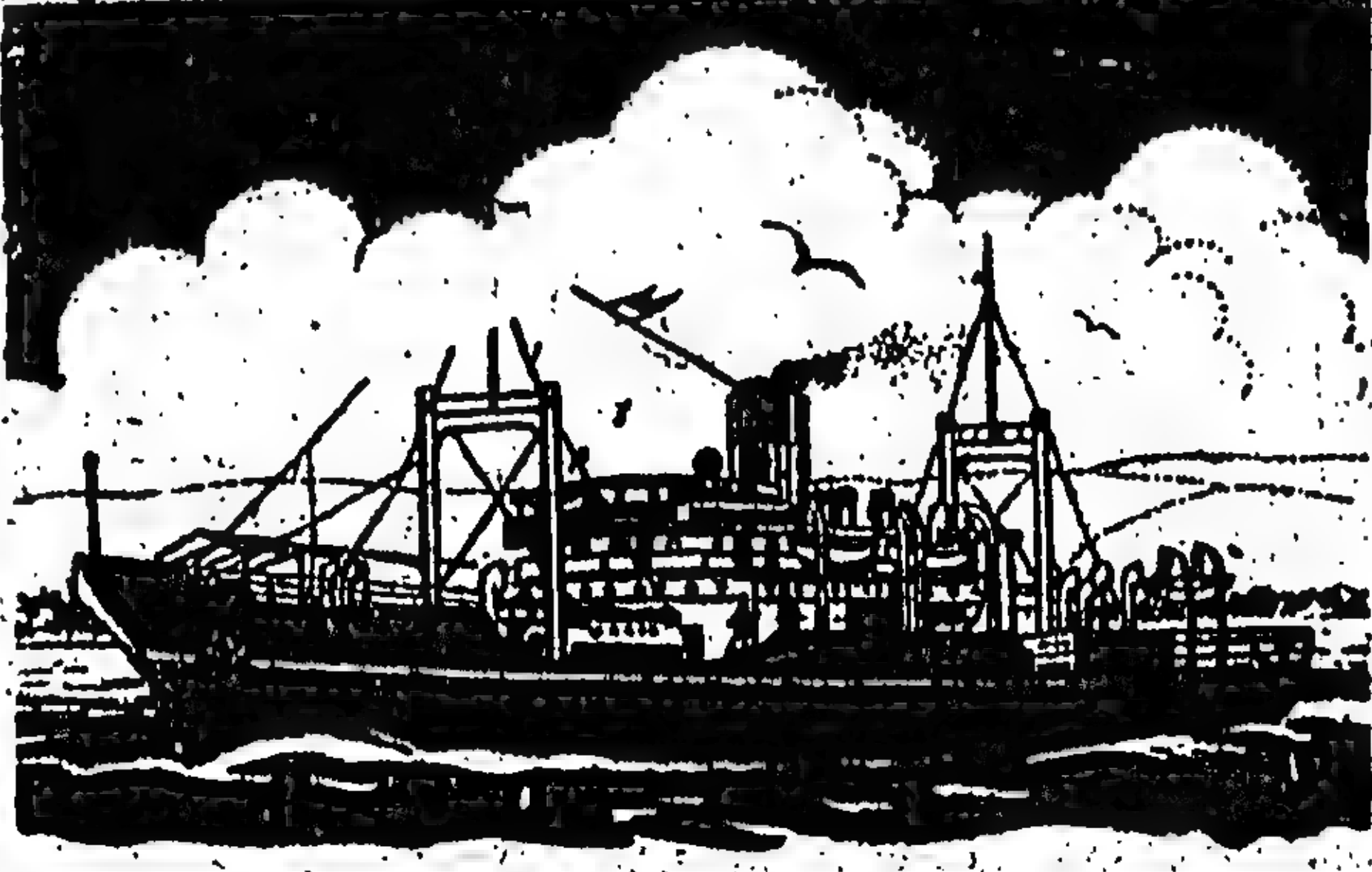
"And now I get this magnificent gesture of thanks to crown it all!" The function concluded with the playing of the Italian Nation Anthem and "God Save The King."

Mr. Simpson, Saiwan Terrace, has reported a robbery at his house, when a wrist watch, fountain pen and a cigarette case, to the value of \$95, were stolen.

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The early part of the programme followed a set theme, the story of the "Sleeping Beauty" in which the cast was almost entirely juvenile. Later varied items gave opportunity for the more mature members of the school to display the advanced technique which spoke volumes for the efficiency and comprehensiveness of Goncharoff's methods of training.

Very well received were the "Sleeping Beauty" ensembles composed of the tiniest of tots. Beautifully costumed, the little artistes did not always worry too much about synchronisation—indeed it would have been almost impossible to have trained them to that pitch of perfection—but all entered into the spirit of their roles with gusto and revealed a lack of self-consciousness in front of the large audience, which might have been envied by others thrice their age.

One little lady, in fact, showed an entire disregard for everything but the fact that her girdle had come adrift. She refused to have anything to do with the dance until she had arranged the errant girdle to her satisfaction.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

From a technical point of view, outstanding in every respect and showing an amazing improvement in the short twelve months since the last display, "Patsy" Pasco gave a brilliant performance in her Hungarian Dance. Poise, balance, rhythm and personality combined to make this number the most effective of the whole programme.

Elegie (Rachmaninoff) by Peggy Scotcher and Peter Randolph was most difficult and exacting but was well executed by both.

Winding up the performance, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" featuring the advanced pupils, made a fitting finale amid a colourful setting.

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The builders of this boat have also in hand a number of Motor Torpedo Boats of different types for the British Admiralty and for foreign governments, particulars of which it is hoped will be available shortly.

Beauty and Prince Charming, and June Mansell's vocal effort in "Snow White," while a trifle ambitious having regard to her range of voice, brought the house down and she was compelled to give, as an encore, "Copy Cat" which was more suited to her voice and which she sang with verve and personality.

"SEVEN DWARFS"

The "Seven Dwarfs," led by versatile Betty Lee, portrayed their famous characters with skill and Betty's rendering of the catchy marching song of the dwarfs went down very well.

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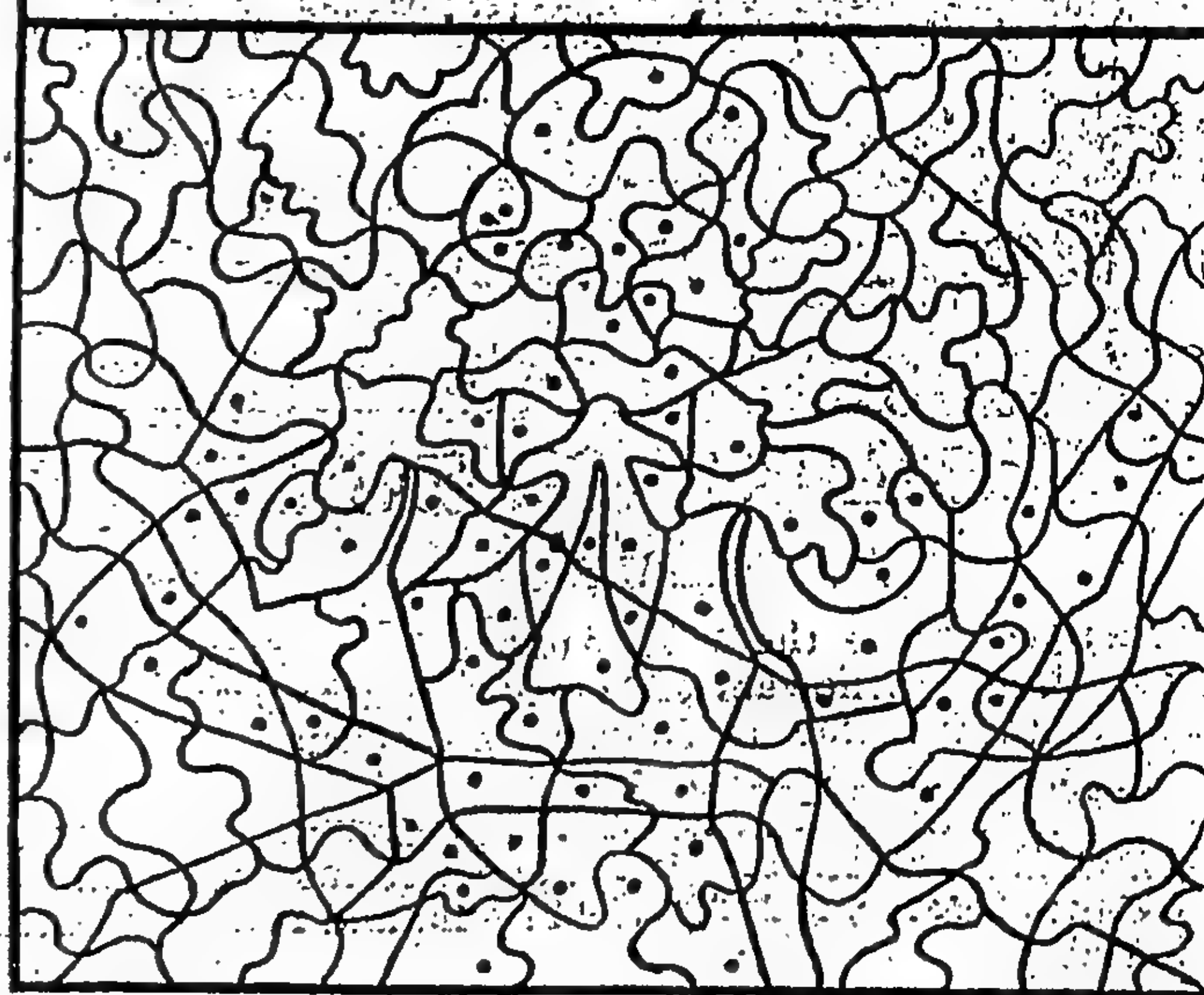
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PALESTINE DISCUSSIONS ON TUESDAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AS ANNOUNCED BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ON WEDNESDAY, IT IS HOPED THE DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE WILL OPEN AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE ON TUESDAY.

Mr. Macdonald himself has been in touch personally with all the representatives who have reached London.

On Wednesday he saw the Jewish delegation and yesterday visited the representatives of

Trans-Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

He also called on the Yemen representative, Prince Fein Isad Hussein, who has now arrived.

The Colonial Secretary saw as well those Palestine Arabs who are already in London as representatives for the discussions.

It is understood that in addition three members of the Palestine Defence Party, including Ragheb Nashishibi, are coming to London for the discussions.

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GOOD SPORT ANTICIPATED AT MACAO RACES ON SUNDAY

(By "RAPIER")

AS a welcome prelude to the 1939 Annual Race Meeting at the Valley, enthusiastic followers of the turf will be provided with their favourite sport at Macao on Sunday next, when Macao Jockey Club will hold their February meeting.

There are altogether six events on the programme, the last of which is reserved for lady riders. S.S. Tai Shan has been reserved for the occasion, leaving Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. and returning from Macao at 6 p.m.

Entries for the various events are particularly good, and keen racing should be the order of the day.

RACE NO. 1: THE PLEASANT QUARTERS HANDICAP: ONCE ROUND.

This race is confined to China ponies, subscription grunts of the Macao Race Club or any season, winners of two or more races during 1938 and subscription ponies of the Hong Kong Jockey Club being barred.

I expect to see the following starting:—Country Flower (Mr. W. N. Yen), Gold Clause (Mr. W. G. Poy), Hogmanay (Mr. S. L. Yuen), Hohenfels (Mr. P. Randolph), Hoperuhleg (Mr. G. Treverton), meadow Eve (Mr. S. C. Liang), Merry Pasty (Mr. G. W. Cooper), morning lip (Mr. A. W. Raymond), Rotheray Bay (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei), Victory Life (Mr. H. P. Chanson) and Wood Nymph (Mr. R. Calderara).

In view of its win in the Szechuen Handicap (second section) over nine furlongs at the last meeting, it would seem quite natural to assume that Rotheray Bay has an equal chance of winning here again. Hogmanay ran second to Fairy Auk in the Macao Handicap (first section), at the December meeting, but owing to its heavy handicap of 163 lbs., I am afraid I cannot recommend it for a win.

Victory Life used to perform quite well and should it start in a mood to run, it will prove dangerous, although it is not quite dependable. I nominate Rotheray Bay to win, with Hogmanay second, and Gold Clause third. As an outsider, Victory Life may be worth a ticket each way.

RACE NO. 2: THE REPUBLICAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) ONCE ROUND:

This race will be competed by "E" Class China ponies, of Hong Kong Jockey Club, with the following probable starters:

Cricketer (Mr. Ho Hong Ping), Latitat (Mr. G. W. Cooper), Mac's Adventure (Mr. W. G. Poy), National Dignity (Mr. S. L. Yuen), National Triumph (Mr. W. N. Yeh), Stymie (Mr. Hearne).

For winning the Chinghai Handicap (first section) over six furlongs at the last meeting, National Dignity has been penalised nine lbs. In spite of this extra burden, I think it can still win, unless Stymie provides a little sterner opposition. These two, however, should finish in the same order as before, with Cricketer filling the other minor position.

RACE NO. 3: THE KUO HUA HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS.

This race is confined to "D" Class ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club, with novice jockeys riding. The following are likely starters:

Cuban Love (Mr. Hoo Pak Ming), Double Chance (Mr. G. Payne), Flybynight (Mr. Ho Hong Ping), Gold Sovereign (Mr. C. F. Chiu), Meteor (Mr. G. Treverton), National Anthem (Mr. G. W. Cooper), Royal Highness (Mr. S. W. Lee), Sylvandale, The Leopard.

Wenning (Mr. R. Calderara).

Zero (Mr. M. F. L. Haymes).

At the last meeting, Gold Sovereign won the Kansu Handicap over half a mile and, as the distance for this race is over five furlongs, it should just about win again. It will be ridden by Mr. C. F. Chiu, a rapidly improving novice rider.

Flybynight, Zero, Cuban Love and Sylvandale are all capable of extending Gold Sovereign. The last two named ponies each won a race at the last racing meeting, and both are sprinters. The result will depend on the pony getting away to a good start. I nominate Gold Sovereign to win, with Flybynight second and Sylvandale third.

RACE NO. 4: THE REPUBLICAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) ONCE ROUND:

The remaining lot of "E" Class China ponies will figure in this race, and they are as follows:

Cloudy Star (Mr. S. C. Liang), Double Up (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei), Eagle (Mr. Raymond), Iron Knight (Mr. Poy), Labour Day (Mr. H. P. Chanson), Persian Cat (Mr. S. L. Yuen).

Because of its win in the Chinghai Handicap (second section) over six furlongs at the last meeting, Persian Cat has been penalised 5 lbs. The distance this time is once round, and I think this pony should again account for this race.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE MATCHES

A programme of practice matches has been arranged for the Colony's Interport Hockey team to meet Macao on February 19, at Macao, and is as follows:

Wednesday, February 8

Colony v. Combined Indians.
(Chatham Rd., 5 p.m.).

Sunday, February 12

Colony v. H.K.H.A. Tourney XI.
(Club, 10.30 a.m.).

All 15 players are requested to wear white shorts. The Hockey Association have decided to run a six-a-side Tournament on Sunday, April 2 and entries will close on March 18.

Eagle, although beaten by Persian Cat in the same race, will have a change in jockey, with Mr. Raymond up. If it does not win, I think Eagle will give Persian Cat a better fight. At any rate, the result will be fought out between these two, with Cloudy Star taking third place.

RACE NO. 5: THE CHUNGHUA CUP: ONE MILE.

This is the principal race of the day, and is confined to subs. of Macao Jockey Club, with the following starters:

COUREUR BLEU (MR. W. N. YEH).

FAIRY AUK (MR. RAYMOND).

FAIRY OUSEL (MR. P. Y. T. WEI).

MERRY MAKER (MR. RAN-
DOLPH).

SHANGHAI 4 (MR. POY).

Fairy Auk won the Szechuen Handicap (first section) over nine furlongs at the last meeting, for which it will have to carry four more lbs. As the pony is in splendid condition, I think it should win again, with Shanghai 4 second and Fairy Ousel third.

RACE NO. 6: LADIES' (HANDICAP UNOFFICIAL) HALF-MILE.

This race will wind up the day's programme, and will be contested by ponies of Kowloon Riding School, and I predict that the result will be fought out between Cricketer and Latitat. Cricketer won the Ladies' race at the last meeting over three furlongs, and should win again, with Latitat and Black Monday fighting it out for second place.



MALAYAN RUGBY PLAYERS AT PRACTICE

(By "REFEREE")

The Malayan Rugby Union players were on view for the first time yesterday when they indulged in scrum and passing practice, on the Club ground.

Several of the players were greatly inconvenienced, however, as some of their baggage containing their Rugby equipment had gone astray, and they were forced to borrow boots, shirts shorts, etc., while several turned out in rubber shoes.

The forwards gave the impression of being very fit in their dribbling practices up and down the field, while the backs and halves indulged in the usual loosening up work with Capt. Simpson, the Vice-Captain and scrum-half, acting as coach and instructor.

Ewart, the stand-off-half, displayed a fine turn of speed and took the ball at all angles and heights from Simpson.

Lundon, one of South Malaya's outstanding backs, was not in very good handing form and dropped the ball on several occasions.

Most of the players were delighted with the ground and hoped that the prevailing weather conditions would continue throughout the series.

Among the few spectators on the ground was Dr. J. A. R. Selby, one of the Colony selectors.



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR OUT OF CUP:

London, To-day.

Tottenham Hotspur were yesterday eliminated from the F. A. Cup Competition when West Ham beat them by the odd goal in three after extra time in their Fourth Round replay.

The winners will be away to Portsmouth in the Fifth Round on February 11.

There were several League fixtures yesterday, results for which are as follows:

SECOND DIVISION		
Norwich	1	Sheffield U. 2
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)		
Walsall	0	Managers 0
Newport	2	Notts County 1

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Liverpool.—Everton seem to have recovered their best form, but this is a local derby and any result is possible.

Arsenal.—Rapidly improving form must be taken in conjunction with Sunderland's remarkable consistency away from home.

**THREE LIKELY
DRAWS**

Blackpool v Derby
Bournemouth v Exeter
Bristol R. v Ipswich

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal (4) v Sunderland (1)
Birmingham (1) v Charlton (1)
Blackpool (1) v Derby (1)
BRENTFORD (6) v Grimsby (1)
Huddersfield (1) v Wolves (0)
Leicester (2) v Leeds (4)
Liverpool (1) v Everton (2)
MANCHESTER U. (-) v Preston (-)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) v Bolton (2)
Portsmouth (-) v Aston Villa (-)
STOKE (2) v Chelsea (1)

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (-) v Millwall (-)
BURY (0) v Swansea (0)
FULHAM (-) v Manchester C. (-)
LUTON (3) v Burnley (1)
NEWCASTLE (1) v Coventry (2)
Norwich (2) v Tottenham (1)
NOTTS F. (-) v Tranmere (-)
Plymouth (2) v Sheffield U. (0)
WEDNESDAY (1) v Bradford (0)

WEST BROM. (-) v Southampton (-)
WEST HAM (5) v Chesterfield (0)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth (2) v Exeter (2)
BRIGHTON (2) v Cardiff (1)
Bristol R. (-) v Ipswich (-)
Clapton (0) v Crystal P. (2)
MANSFIELD (3) v Queen's P.R. (2)
NEWPORT (0) v Bristol C. (0)

NORTHAMP-

TON (1) v Aldershot (0)
READING (0) v Notts C. (2)
SWINDON (-) v Port Vale (-)
Torquay (0) v WATFORD (1)
WALSALL (1) v Southend (5)
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
BARROW (2) v Halifax (1)
Bradford C. (-) v Barnsley (-)
CHESTER (3) v Oldham (3)
DONCASTER (1) v Carlisle (3)
HULL (0) v Accrington (0)
Lincoln (-) v STOCKPORT (-)

NEW BRIGHTON (1) v Wrexham (1)
ROCHDALE (2) v Hartlepool (2)

ROTHAMHAM (4) v Darlington (2)
SOUTHPORT (3) v Crewe (1)

YORK (5) v Gateshead (1)
SCOTTISH CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Dundee U. v MOTHERWELL

QUEEN O'S. v Badcock and Wilcox

Blairgowrie v Buckie Thistle
ABERDEEN v Queen's Park

THIRD LANARK v Cowdenbeath
Dundee v CLYDE

HEARTS v Elgin
RANGERS v Hamilton

Montrose v CELTIC
FAIKIRK v Airdrie
DUNFERMLINE v Duns
HIBERNIAN v Kilmarnock

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ENGLISH F.A.'S NEW PRESIDENT

EARL OF ATHLONE'S Unanimous Election

(By AIR MAIL)

The Earl of Athlone, Queen Mary's brother, was unanimously elected president of the English Football Association, in succession to the late Mr. William Pickford.

Governor-General of South Africa from 1923 to 1931, the Earl of Athlone is Chancellor of London University, and a vice-president of the Royal Academy of Music. At the age of 64 he becomes the fifth president of the English Association since its inception in 1863. His predecessors were Sir Francis Marindin, Lord Francis Marindin, Lord Kinnaid, Sir Charles Clegg, and Mr. W. Pickford.

The new president has, for many years, been one of the game's most enthusiastic supporters, and for a long time has attended most English representative matches.

WATCHED ALL TESTS

As Governor-General of South Africa he took the utmost interest in the visit of the English team to the Union in 1929, and watched all three Test matches. Recently he was with the Duke of Kent, one of the chief guests of honour at the England v. Rest of Europe game at Highbury.

Since the death of Lord Kinnaid in 1923 the offices of president and chairman have been combined, but



HASTINGS GOLF DISPUTE

Half-Fee Plan Dropped

A renewed battle over the golf "snobbery" question is expected when the Hastings Town Council is to be asked to change a decision made in December to grant £100 to Hastings Downs Golf Club on condition that ratepayers are admitted at half the usual green fees.

The Finance Committee of the Town Council received a letter from the secretary of the club, stating that the club would welcome representation on the committee, but was unable to agree to the condition permitting play at half fees, as both revenue and membership would fall.

It was learned that the Finance Committee agreed with the views of the club, and decided to recommend the Council to rescind the former decision, and to make the grant of £100 subject only to the chairman of the Finance Committee being appointed as the Council's representative on the Golf Club. It is expected that there will be strong opposition to this recommendation.

the F.A. Council have now decided to revert to the old custom of separate posts. Mr. A. G. Hines, the senior vice-president, is to continue as acting chairman.

Home Football Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Derby	27	10	5	6	50	32 37
Everton	28	17	2	7	52	28 36
Wolves	28	12	8	6	40	20 32
Liverpool	27	11	8	8	46	41 30
Middlesbro.	27	11	7	9	53	46 29
Stoke	27	11	7	9	45	48 29
Charlton	25	12	4	9	36	33 28
Leeds	25	10	7	8	43	44 27
Bolton	26	9	9	8	46	38 27
Arsenal	26	9	9	8	30	24 27
Sunderland	26	9	8	9	34	38 26
Manchester U.	26	8	9	9	37	35 25
Grimsby	26	9	7	10	37	45 25
Aston Villa	25	10	4	11	42	39 24
Preston	25	9	6	10	37	39 24
Blackpool	26	7	8	11	31	44 22
Chelsea	25	8	6	12	45	49 21
Huddersfield	26	8	5	13	36	40 21
Portsmouth	25	6	8	11	24	44 20
Leicester	26	6	8	12	31	49 20
Brentford	24	7	6	11	33	50 20
Birmingham	26	7	4	15	41	54 18

DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE ROUND VENUE MAY BE CHANGED

New York. (By Air Mail).—The Davis Cup committee of management are to recommend to the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, which is to be held on February 4, that this year's challenge round of the Davis Cup be played at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

The recommendation, according to Mr. Walter L. Pate, chairman of the committee, was drafted as a direct result of the alleged poor conditions for last year's matches at the Germantown Cricket Club, Pennsylvania.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Newport	26	17	4	5	40	25 38
Crystal P.	25	18	6	6	46	33 32
Brighton	25	18	4	8	44	38 30
Aldershot	25	11	8	6	32	29 30
Reading	27	9	11	7	42	35 29
Queen's P.R.	25	10	7	8	52	33 27
Swindon	25	11	5	9	48	42 27
Northampton	26	12	3	11	37	38 27
Notts C.	23	11	5	7	32	25 27
Bristol C.	26	10	6	10	41	43 26
Watford	26	10	6	10	40	36 26
Cardiff	25	9	7	9	33	37 25
Exeter	25	7	9	9	42	56 23
Ipswich	23	8	5	10	29	32 21
Mansfield	24	8	5	11	29	46 21
Torquay	24	8	5	11	32	39 21
Port Vale	24	8	4	12	31	34 20
Southend	21	7	6	8	38	41 20
Bristol R.	25	6	7	12	29	30 19
Clapton	24	6	7	11	28	36 19
Bournemouth	24	6	7	11	28	36 19
Wallsall	24	5	5	14	26	39 15

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Barnsley	27	20	4	4	62	25 42
Southport	24	14	7	3	56	27 35
Bradford C.	26	15	3	8	59	34 33
Doncaster	25	12	9	4	48	30 33
Oldham	26	15	2	9	50	33 32
Crewe	26	15	1	10	65	41 31
Hull	25	12	5	8	57	45 29
New Brighton	27	11	5	11	64	46 27
Stockport	24	10	7	7	54	43 27
Rotherham	27	11	4	12	44	44 26
Rochdale	27	10	5	12	59	50 25
Chester	23	10	5	8	53	45 25
Barrow	26	11	3	13	44	49 25
Halifax	26	9	7	10	27	32 25
Wrexham	26	10	4	13	40	57 24
Darlington	26	9	5	12	45	62 23
Lincoln	26	7	8	12	44	57 23
Carlisle	25	8	5	12	39	65 21
Gateshead	25	7	6	12	42	49 20
York	26	7	5	14	37	58 19
Hartlepool	27	6	4	17	35	65 16
Accrington	26	2	4	20	24	64 8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Rangers	28	20	5	3	94	45 45
Hearts	28	16	4	8	75	47 36
Aberdeen	28	15	5	8	73	47 35
Celtic	27	13	7	7	77	41 33
Queen O'S.	28	13	6	9	49	47 32
Hamilton	28	14	4	10	52	51 32
Falkirk	28	13	5	10	56	51 31
Kilmarnock	27	12	7	8	53	55 31
Motherwell	28	12	5	11	63	60 29
Hibernian	28	12	4	12	60	53 28
Clyde	27	13	2	12	58	54 28
Partick	27	12	3	12	48	59 27
St. Johnstone	28	11	4	13	59	69 26
Third Lanark	27	9	7	11	63	70 25
Ayr	28	8	7	13	53	64 23
St. Mirren	28	8	6	14	42	57 23
Queen's Park	27	8	4	15	40	59 20
Arbroath	28	6	7	15	34	61 19
Albion	29	6	4	18	43	76 16
Raith	28	7	2	19	52	78 16

ACCRINGTON SOCCER STARS ARE DISMISSED

Two players, Tyson and Jones, of the Accrington Stanley Third Division Football Club are to be given 14 days' notice of dismissal and a third, "Pongo" Waring, the former England centre-forward, fined £10, severely reprimanded and ordered to make a written apology to the manager and directors of the club.

This decision was made by directors of the club at a meeting last night and is a sequel to the suspension of the three players following the train journey to Accrington after the match at Barnsley on Boxing Day.

NO AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM FOR U.S.

Melbourne. (By AIR MAIL).—The Australian Board of Control has rejected an application by Mr. E. L. Waddy, the former New South Wales player, for sanction to take an Australian Cricket team to America.



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League Tables & Form Guide

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football League indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal	(h12) 1-0	(a10) 0-2	(h 7) 2-0	(a 2) 3-1	(h22) 0-0
2 Aston Villa	(a21) 5-1	(h21) 1-1	(a 9) 1-2	(h 4) 3-1	(h 1) 1-3
3 Birmingham	(h17) 2-1	(a17) 2-2	(h16) 3-3	(a20) 3-6	(a19) 0-5
4 Blackpool	(a12) 0-3	(h22) 1-0	(a 2) 1-3	(h21) 1-1	(a11) 0-2
5 Bolton	(h18) 5-1	(h20) 1-3	(h13) 2-2	(a15) 2-1	(h14) 4-0
6 Brentford	(a12) 2-1	(a18) 2-2	(h10) 2-0	(a22) 2-5	(a21) 1-1
7 Charlton	(h 1) 1-0	(a13) 1-2	(a15) 1-3	(a 1) 0-2	(h17) 3-0
8 Chelsea	(a13) 1-1	(h13) 2-2	(a14) 2-3	(h17) 4-2	(h16) 0-1
9 Derby	(h10) 2-1	(h 2) 2-1	(a21) 0-1	(a20) 0-3	(h11) 4-1
10 Everton	(a 9) 1-2	(a 6) 0-2	(h 1) 2-0	(h12) 3-2	(a18) 1-0
11 Grimsby	(a22) 0-5	(h21) 1-3	(a16) 1-3	(h 4) 2-0	(a 9) 1-4
12 Huddersfield	(a 4) 1-1	(h 4) 3-0	(a 1) 0-1	(h18) 3-0	(a10) 2-3
13 Leeds	(h 8) 1-1	(a 8) 2-2	(h 7) 2-1	(a 5) 2-2	(h15) 1-1
14 Leicester	(a16) 0-3	(h16) 1-1	(h 8) 3-2	(a19) 1-2	(a 5) 0-4
15 Liverpool	(h19) 4-1	(a17) 0-3	(a 7) 3-1	(h 5) 1-2	(a13) 1-1
16 Manchester U.	(a14) 1-1	(a 3) 3-3	(h11) 3-1	(h20) 0-1	(a 8) 1-0
17 Middlesbrough	(h20) 5-1	(h15) 3-0	(a 8) 2-4	(h19) 2-2	(a 7) 0-3
18 Portsmouth	(h 6) 2-2	(a 5) 1-5	(a12) 0-3	(a22) 0-3	(h10) 0-1
19 Preston	(h 5) 2-2	(a15) 1-4	(h14) 2-1	(a17) 2-2	(h 3) 5-0
20 Stoke	(a17) 1-5	(a 5) 3-1	(h 3) 6-3	(a10) 1-0	(h 9) 3-0
21 Sunderland	(a 2) 1-1	(a11) 3-1	(h 9) 1-0	(a 4) 1-1	(h 6) 1-1
22 Wolves	(h11) 5-0	(a 4) 0-1	(h 6) 5-2	(h18) 3-0	(a 1) 0-0

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackburn	(h 5) 3-0	(a20) 2-4	(a17) 1-2	(h 2) 6-4	(a 9) 2-3
2 Bradford	(a 9) 1-5	(a19) 1-2	(h10) 1-0	(a 1) 4-6	(h 7) 1-5
3 Burnley	(a13) 2-2	(a15) 1-1	(h11) 2-0	(h12) 3-0	(a21) 2-1
4 Bury	(a16) 0-0	(h10) 1-1	(a22) 0-0	(h19) 5-0	(a 5) 1-2
5 Chesterfield	(a 2) 0-0	(h 2) 2-2	(a 1) 0-3	(a11) 1-0	(h 4) 2-1
6 Coventry	(h14) 1-2	(a14) 2-0	(h18) 4-0	(a16) 2-0	(h13) 5-1
7 Fulham	(a22) 0-1	(a20) 1-5	(h19) 1-0	(h17) 1-0	(a 2) 5-1
8 Luton	(h13) 1-0	(a12) 1-2	(h 9) 3-0	(h14) 3-4	(a15) 2-2
9 Manchester C.	(a19) 9-3	(h19) 5-2	(h 2) 5-1	(a 8) 0-3	(h 1) 3-2
10 Millwall	(h22) 0-0	(h17) 1-1	(a 4) 1-1	(a 2) 0-1	(a14) 2-2
11 Newcastle	(h12) 4-0	(a15) 0-0	(h 5) 0-1	(a 3) 0-2	(a16) 0-0
12 Norwich	(a 9) 1-4	(a 2) 0-3	(a11) 0-4	(h 8) 2-1	(a 3) 0-3
13 Notts F.	(h 8) 2-4	(a 8) 0-1	(h 3) 2-2	(a18) 1-4	(a 6) 1-5
14 Plymouth	(a 6) 2-1	(h 6) 0-2	(a21) 2-4	(a 8) 4-3	(h10) 2-2
15 Sheffield U.	(a16) 2-2	(a11) 0-0	(h 3) 1-1	(h21) 1-1	(h 8) 2-2
16 Southampton	(a15) 1-5	(h15) 2-2	(h 4) 0-0	(h 1) 0-2	(h11) 0-0
17 Swansea	(h21) 3-2	(a10) 1-1	(h 1) 2-1	(a 7) 0-1	(h20) 0-1
18 Tottenham	(a 3) 0-1	(h 3) 1-0	(a 6) 0-4	(h13) 4-1	(h21) 2-2
19 Tranmere	(a 7) 0-1	(h 2) 2-1	(h20) 1-4	(a 4) 0-5	(h22) 2-2
20 Wednesday	(h7) 5-1	(h22) 1-4	(a 1) 4-2	(a19) 4-1	(a17) 1-0
21 West Brom.	(a17) 2-3	(h14) 4-2	(a15) 1-1	(a18) 2-2	(h 3) 1-2
22 West Ham	(h 7) 1-0	(h10) 0-0	(a20) 4-1	(h 4) 0-0	(a19) 2-2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1 Aldershot	(a19) 1-2	(a 9) 3-3	(h20) 1-1	(a 7) 0-2	(h12) 1-0
2 Bournemouth	(h21) 3-1	(a11) 0-2	(h20) 2-5	(h16) 4-2	(a18) 2-2
3 Brighton	(h 4) 1-0	(h11) 3-0	(h19) 4-0	(a16) 2-1	(a 9) 2-2
4 Bristol C.	(a15) 0-4	(a 6) 1-2	(h19) 1-1	(a20) 1-3	(h 7) 3-1
5 Bristol R.	(h16) 0-0	(h15) 0-1	(a18) 2-3	(h 9) 4-1	(a 6) 2-0
6 Cardiff	(h12) 1-2	(h 4) 2-1	(h10) 2-1	(h 5) 0-2	(a17) 0-0
7 Clapton	(a20) 1-2	(h13) 3-0	(a14) 0-1	(h 1) 2-0	(a 4) 1-3
8 Crystal P.	(a22) 1-4	(h15) 1-0	(a10) 1-2	(a19) 2-2	(h20) 1-3
9 Exeter	(a10) 2-2	(h 1) 3-3	(h17) 3-2	(a 5) 1-4	(h 8) 2-2
10 Ipswich	(a11) 1-0	(h 9) 2-2	(a 6) 1-2	(h 8) 2-1	(h13) 2-0
11 Mansfield	(h10) 0-1	(a 3) 0-3	(h12) 0-2	(h 2) 2-0	(h15) 2-0
12 Newport	(a 6) 2-1	(a11) 2-0	(a13) 0-1	(a17) 1-0	(a 1) 0-1
13 Northampton	(a 7) 0-3	(a16) 0-3	(h12) 1-0	(a10) 0-2	(a14) 0-1
14 Notts C.	(a22) 1-0	(h22) 0-3	(a20) 2-0	(h 7) 1-0	(h13) 1-0
15 Port Vale	(h 4) 4-0	(a 5) 1-0	(a 8) 0-1	(h22) 1-2	(a11) 0-2
16 Queen P.R.	(a 5) 0-0	(h13) 3-0	(h 3) 1-2	(a 2) 2-4	(h21) 2-0
17 Reading	(h18) 3-0	(h22) 3-2	(a 9) 2-3	(h12) 0-1	(h 6) 0-0
18 Southend	(a15) 2-2	(a 9) 3-3	(a17) 0-3	(h 5) 3-2	(h 2) 2-2
19 Swindon	(h 1) 2-1	(a 3) 0-4	(a 4) 1-1	(h 8) 2-2	(a22) 1-2
20 Torquay	(h14) 0-2	(a 1) 1-1	(a 2) 5-2	(h 4) 3-1	(a 8) 3-1
21 Walsall	(a17) 1-1	(h17) 3-0	(a 2) 1-3	(h22) 2-0	(a16) 0-2
22 Watford	(h 8) 4-1	(a17) 2-3	(a21) 0-2	(a15) 2-1	(h19) 2-1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1 Accrington	(h 2) 0-2	(a15) 1-4	(h21) 3-1	(h 3) 0-2	(h 4) 2-3
2 Barnsley	(a 1) 2-0	(a11) 4-1	(h15) 1-1	(a 3) 2-1	(h 6) 3-0
3 Barrow	(h20) 0-2	(h 7) 1-2	(a 1) 2-0	(h 2) 1-2	(a16) 0-1
4 Bradford C.	(h 3) 3-0	(h13) 6-2	(a14) 0-4	(h20) 4-0	(a 1) 3-2
5 Carlisle	(h21) 1-1	(h 8) 1-1	(a13) 1-11	(a 7) 1-7	(h19) 1-1
6 Chester	(a12) 5-2	(h12) 8-2	(h14) 0-0	(a20) 0-0	(a 2) 0-3
7 Crewe	(h12) 3-2	(a 3) 2-1	(a 8) 0-1	(h 5) 7-1	(a14) 2-3
8 Darlington	(a 5) 1-1	(a11) 1-1	(h 7) 1-0	(a19) 1-4	(h 9) 1-2
9 Doncaster	(a18) 0-0	(h21) 0-0	(a10) 0-2	(h12) 3-1	(a 8) 2-1
10 Gateshead	(a 8) 2-5	(a19) 0-2	(h 9) 2-0	(a18) 2-2	(h17) 2-2
11 Halifax	(h 2) 1-4	(h 8) 1-1	(a16) 0-1	(h22) 2-1	(h15) 3-1
12 Hartlepool	(a16) 2-4	(h19) 0-2	(a15) 2-5	(a 9) 1-3	(h18) 1-1
13 Hull	(a15) 1-6	(a 4) 2-6	(h5) 11-1	(h14) 4-2	(a20) 2-2
14 Lincoln	(a 6) 0-0	(h17) 2-2	(h 4) 4-0	(a18) 2-4	(h 7) 3-2
15 New Brighton	(h 1) 4-1	(a 2) 1-1	(h12) 5-2	(h16) 0-1	(a11) 1-3
16 Oldham	(h17) 1-2	(h12) 4-2	(h11) 1-0	(a15) 1-0	(h 3) 1-0
17 Rochdale	(a16) 2-1	(a14) 2-2	(a22) 7-0	(h21) 0-0	(a10) 2-2
18 Rotherham	(h22) 2-0	(a20) 0-5	(a12) 0-2	(h10) 2-2	(a12) 1-1
19 Southport	(a17) 0-5	(h10) 2-0	(a12) 2-0	(h 8) 4-1	(a 5) 1-1
20 Stockport	(a 3) 2-0	(h18) 5-0	(h 6) 0-0	(a 4) 0-4	(h13) 2-2
21 Wrexham	(a 9) 0-0	(a 1) 1-3	(h18) 2-0	(a17) 0-7	(h22) 1-3
22 York	(h 7) 4-1	(a 7) 2-8	(a18) 0-2	(h11) 1-2	(a21) 3-1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1 Aberdeen	(h 3) 4-0	(a 4) 1-1	(h10) 6-1	(a 7) 3-1	(h19) 3-2
2 Albion	(h 7) 0-3	(a12) 1-3	(h19) 2-1	(a 5) 1-4	(h20) 2-4
3 Arbroath	(a 1) 0-4	(h 9) 1-1	(a17) 0-4	(h 6) 3-0	(a16) 3-1
4 Ayr	(a14) 1-6	(h 1) 1-1	(a 9) 0-2	(h15) 2-0	(a11) 2-2
5 Celtic	(a17) 1-2	(h15) 0-1	(a16) 0-4	(h 2) 4-1	(a14) 1-1
6 Clyde	(h13) 4-1	(a20) 1-3	(h18) 3-1	(a 3) 0-3	(h12) 4-0
7 Falkirk	(a 2) 8-0	(h11) 4-0	(a 8) 3-1	(h 1) 1-3	(a17) 1-2
8 Hamilton	(h12) 2-1	(a19) 1-3	(h 7) 1-3	(a18) 2-0	(h13) 4-0
9 Hearts	(h10) 0-1	(a 3) 1-1	(h 4) 2-0	(a19) 1-1	(h18) 8-2
10 Hibernian	(a 9) 1-0	(h16) 2-1	(a 1) 1-6	(h17) 1-1	(a15) 2-3
11 Kilmarnock	(a18) 3-1	(h19) 3-2	(a 7) 0-4	(h20) 5-2	(h 4) 2-2
12 Motherwell	(a 8) 1-2	(h 2) 3-1	(a15) 0-0	(h16) 2-4	(a 6) 0-4
13 Partick	(h 2) 1-3	(a 6) 1-4	(h17) 2-4	(a14) 0-0	(a 8) 0-4
14 Queen O'S.	(h 4) 0-1	(h13) 0-0	(a20) 1-0	(a18) 0-3	(h 5) 1-1
15 Queen's Park	(h20) 1-4	(a 5) 1-0	(h12) 0-0	(a 4) 0-2	(h10) 3-2
16 Raith	(h18) 5-6	(a10) 1-2	(h 5) 4-0	(a12) 4-2	(h 3) 1-3
17 Rangers	(h 5) 2-1	(a18) 4-2	(h 3) 4-0	(a10) 1-1	(h 7) 2-1
18 St. Johnstone	(a16) 6-5	(a 6) 1-3	(h 8) 0-2	(h14) 3-0	(a 9) 2-8
19 St. Mirren	(a11) 2-8	(h 8) 2-1	(a 2) 1-2	(h 9) 1-1	(a 1) 2-8
20 Third Lanark	(a15) 4-1	(h 6) 3-1	(a11) 2-5	(h14) 0-1	(a 2) 4-2

PROPOSED N. Z. BOWLING TOUR OF BRITAIN ABANDONED

The English Bowling Association have announced that the proposed tour of a New Zealand team in the home countries this year has been abandoned.

The Association states that owing to the general conditions existing, the request for a postponement of the tour came from New Zealand, and the International Bowling Board have accepted the position and agreed to the postponement.

J. Kennaway, the Celtic goalkeeper, was obtained from the Fall River Club (U.S.A.) in 1931. Though a Canadian by birth, he has played for the Scottish League on four occasions—twice against the English League, and twice against the Irish League.

CAMBRIDGE CREW FOR TIDEWAY ON MARCH 9

(By AIR MAIL)

Cambridge University Boat Race crew will make their first appearance on the Tideway at Chiswick on March 9.

This will give them only about three weeks to acclimatise themselves to the difficult conditions on the Thames before the Boat Race on April 1.

Hitherto it has nearly always been the custom for Cambridge to have four weeks practice on the Tideway.

There was a change when the Light Blues went afloat, M. Burton, the Third Trinity freshman, taking the place of E. G. P. Sherwood (Christ's) at No. 5. Sherwood was included in the Goldie crew. No serious work was attempted.

RUN-UP SHOTS, STROKE SAVERS

By BEST BALL

One factor golf authorities have regarded with considerable apprehension is the well watered green and the subsequent specialisation, at the quick stopping pitch shot, this condition has led to. In fact the matter of hitting boldly for the pin, knowing the ball will come to a quick stop, has become so prevalent that the run-up shot has had to take a back-seat.

Few golfers give it the consideration it deserves which is regrettable for in golf, the simplest shot is often the best, and there are very many occasions when the run-up is by far the simplest. If there are no hazards immediately ahead to entice the ball to drop into them, there is no reason for tempting trouble by pitching for a quick stop, when a run-up would provide a greater margin of safety.

Naturally this shot requires a considerable amount of accuracy and judgment but then so does the pitch shot and the latter is more likely to go further away from the objective. The point to stress is to pick out some good spot to hit to, then hit the ball as nearly as

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possible to this spot, allowing it to run the rest of the way. It may not look as pretty as the quick stopping pitch but the score card may look better in the end.

Monday—Faults to Avoid.

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Hal Lorenzo In Studio Piano Recital

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Rawicz & Landauer (Two Pianos) and Mavis Bennett (Solo).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.05 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in G Major, Op. 21. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—The Casani Club Orchestra with Leslie Hutchinson & Frances Day.
Life Begins When You're In Love (film 'The Music Goes Round'); The Feller That Played the Feller—Comedy Waltz. . . . Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz.
Show Me The Way To Romance (film 'Temptation'); What Is This Thing? (film 'Temptation'). . . .

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
(9.52 megacycles)

Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch.
Mo And My Dog (film 'Public Nuisance No. 19'). . . . Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch.
Someone To Care For Me—Fox-Trot (film 'Three Smart Girls'); Harbour Lights—Fox-Trot. . . . Casani Club Orchestra directed by Charlie Kunz.
Hutch Medley. Intro: My heart stood still; Let's fall in love; What is this thing called Love? The wind in the willows; With a song in my heart; That's Love; etc. . . . Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) To-night we love; (b) Stop! You're breakin' my heart; (c) Star

Dust; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.
6.14 p.m.—Record: The Scene Changes (Billy Hill). . . . Hildegard with Orchestra.
Fritz (Hart & Bligh). . . . Hildegard (Vocal) at the Piano.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Change Partners; (b) Maina's Gone Good-bye; (c) Where in the world; (d) Rhythm Mad.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Free (film 'O-Kay For Sound'); Night Must Fall (film 'The Tenth Man'). . . . Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ.
The Squirrel Dance (Smith). . . . Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano, Accordion & Saxophone.
6.44 p.m.—(a) You and Me; (b) Old Apple Tree; (c) My Own; (d) Rhythm Excursion.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Variety with Leslie Henson, The Hodlars, Leslie James, June Knight and Jack Tachson and His Orchestra.
Piano—Old Fashioned Love—Quick-step; If We Never Meet Again—Slow Fox-Trot. . . . Gerry Moore in Strict Dance Tempo.
Vocal—My Heart Will Be Dancing (film 'The Lilac Domino'); Lilac Domino—Waltz Song (from 'The Lilac Domino'). . . . June Knight (Soprano) with Orch. and Male Chorus.
Dance Orch.—Sailing Home With The Tide—Waltz; In A Little English Inn—Fox-Trot. . . . Jack Jackson & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Harmonica Duet—Italian Favourites (arr. Hodlars). . . . The Hodlars.
Dance Orch.—Gypsy Violin—Fox-Trot; Some Other Time—Fox-Trot. . . . Jack Jackson & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Comedians—Life Begins Again (Flanagan); Where The Arches Used To Be (Flanagan-Nicholls). . . . Flanagan and Allen with Orchestra.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 4. Intro: With Plenty of Money and You; Let's Put our Heads Together; Moonlight and Shadow; etc. . . . Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.
Humorous Sketch—The German Commissionaire Scene (from 'Seeing Stars'). . . . Leslie Henson & Fred Emney.
Cinema Organ—Wedding Of The Painted Doll (film 'Broadway Mel-

London Relay Of "Empire Variety Theatre"

lody); Medley Of Old Songs. . . . Leslie James playing on the Organ of the Regent Cinema, Stan-ford Hill, London.
Dance Orch.—Love's Just A Melody—Fox-Trot (from 'Stop-Go'); Val-peraiso—Rumba (film 'Dance Band'). . . . Jack Jackson & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal; Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London Relay—'Under Big Ben'. A talk by Howard Marshall.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Jazz Piano Recital by Hal Lorenzo.
1. A-Ticket—A-Tasket.
2. Medley: (a) Serenade to the Stars; (b) Whispering; (c) Love walked in.
3. (a) Rosita—Tango; (b) Cherie—Waltz; (c) Tears in my heart—Tango-Fox-Trot.
4. (a) Says my Heart; (b) You're a Sweetheart; (c) I've got that Foolish Feeling.
5. Medley: (a) C Major Frolics; (b) When I Grow too Old to Dream; (c) My Kingdom for a Kiss.
6. China Boy.
8.35 p.m.—The Duncan Sisters.
Adam And Eve (Duncan Sisters-Granatt); Ti-Pi-Tin (Leveen-Grover); Sweet Onion Time In Burma (Duncan Sisters-Coslow). . . . accompanied by two pianos.
8.45 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
Rodeo March (Ramsay).
Six Great Melodies. Intro: London-derry Air; Cherry Ripe; Annie Laurie; Black Eyes; Lorelei; O Sole Mio.
Popular Melodies. Intro: Alone at a table for two; Alone; I'm all alone; You started me dreaming; The touch of your lips; Lost.
9 p.m.—London Relay—'Food For Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.20 p.m.—Next week's Programme.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Gershwin—'An American in Paris' and 'Rhapsody in Blue'. An American in Paris. . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin.
Rhapsody in Blue. . . . Boston Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler with J. M. Sanroma at the Piano.
10.20 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Variety Theatre'. Presented by F. H. C. Piffard.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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Yesterday, as
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partner, you held:

♠ K J x x x x
♥ x x x x x
♦ x x x x x
♣ x x x x x

With both sides vulnerable, the bidding went:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass

ANSWER: Your correct response is four spades. This immediate jump raise to game is used as a shut-out bid. It denies Slam possibilities, and is made on a hand with a strong holding of trumps and good distribution but very few high cards.

Score 100% for four spades, 60% for three spades (this bid indicates a hand above average in high cards), 50% for two spades (your partner may pass two spades), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 14

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ K Q J x
♥ A Q 10 x x
♦ A x
♣ x x

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

TO-DAY HAND

"Dear Four Aces," writes Hans Lineweaver of Washington, D.C., "the following is a hand dealt at our Duplicate Bridge club about which we would like some enlightenment concerning the bidding":

South, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ A Q 9 8 7
♥ A K Q
♦ A K Q
♣ K J 10 9 6
N
♠ 10
♥ K J 10 8
♦ 8 6 6
♣ 8 7 5 4 2
W E
♠ K J 6 4 3
♥ A 6 3
♦ 9 7 3
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"We were somewhat surprised, albeit gratified," Mr. Lineweaver continues, "at bidding and making a Grand Slam, since we are very ordinary players. As a matter of fact, the Grand Slam does not seem too obvious to me since if North had held two hearts and only three clubs to the Queen, we would have had to lose a trick. I would therefore appreciate a bidding analysis of the hand."

We are afraid our correspondent is unduly modest for we have seldom seen a hand better bid by both partners. Incidentally, The Four Aces' Slam-bidding methods were used throughout this hand. North first established the suit by his double raise in spades; South's cue-bid of four clubs was a Slam Invitation, showing first-round control of the suit. North's five-club bid showed support in that suit, whereupon South simply returned to five spades, feeling that he had already shown the strength of his hand. At this point North knew that at least a Small Slam was certain, and hence made the cue-bid of six diamonds. South could now show the Ace of hearts without getting above the six level, and proceeded to do so. Now North without more ado bid the Grand Slam.

While it is true that seven could not have been made if North had held another small heart, we feel certain that if such had been the case, he would have been content with a Small Slam.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"365 Nights in Hollywood", with Frank Mitchell, Jack Durant, Frank Melton, Alice Faye and John Qualen. An insight of the comical side of the inside workings of Hollywood.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"60 Glorious Years". "My years have been full," said the Queen, "full of great men and their work. I have only a little further to go forward, but a long and proud way back". A great historic pageant in technicolour, with Anna Neagle again as Queen Victoria. The cast includes: Anton Walbrook, C. Aubrey Smith, Walter Rilla, Felix Aylmer and Olaf Olsen.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Three Comrades". Erich Maria Remarque's great story of three heroic war veterans who find that they have lived through the horrors of war to face the infinitely

greater dangers of peace. The cast includes Robert Taylor, Margaret Sullivan, Fanchot Tone, Robert Young, Guy Kibbee, Lionel Atwill and Henry Hull.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Judge Hardy's Children". When Judge Hardy gets a job at Washington, his boys drag the family into a plot that looks like ruin and disgrace until the Judge steps in and turns the tables. With Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden, Ann Rutherford and Wayne Trenton.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 16th. February, 1939, at 12 NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th. February to THURSDAY, 16th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.
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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	\$	\$
New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2653.		Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1854, Oakley Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan					As per sale plan	4,800	4,800

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New Discipline For Red Army

London, To-day.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party has granted the request of the High Command of the Red Army and has consented to curtail the power of political commissars over officers, says the Warsaw correspondent of "The Times."

CHINESE ARMY STRONGER THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Paris, To-day.

The Chinese army is much more powerful this year than last, declared the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Nanking, Mgr. Yu Pin, to a correspondent of "Intransigent."

"We have now 200 divisions, more than 50 of which are motorised."

Moreover, there are more than four million guerillas, most of them peasants, in areas occupied by the Japanese.

Some 2,000 Japanese soldiers are killed every month behind the front. Since November, that is to say since we have received large financial support, we can prepare ourselves for long period-war. We are organising gradually and can now produce rifles, machine guns and even guns of a smaller calibre."

The Archbishop, who made these declarations after a dinner given in his honour by the Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, has a dis-

New rules are being introduced providing that if officers from the rank of colonel upwards are to be called to account for political delinquencies, they will henceforth not be arraigned by lower party tribunals in the Army or have their conduct discussed or criticised by meetings of their subordinates. They may be tried for political offences only by party courts composed of their equals and superiors in rank.

Explanations issued with the new orders say that "iron discipline" is required in the Red Army, weakened by pinpricking and senseless interference with officers which over-zealous party organisations among the lower ranks have practised against officers marked out by them for humiliation.

The commands of officers and commissars must be obeyed implicitly by subordinates, and therefore their authority must be firmly established and they must enjoy the full support of the Communist Party and the Government.—Reuter.

tinguished career as dignitary of the Roman Catholic church.

He will soon go to the U.S. as an advocate for the cause of China. — Trans-Ocean.



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DEATH BY BLOOD POISONING AFTER ACCIDENT

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Mr. Phillips, Inspector of Factories, said that a workman, Wong Kau-yuk, 18, crushed his left hand below the wrist while working. He was attended by Chinese doctors at home but blood poisoning set in and he was removed to the Tung Wah Hospital on January 6. He died two days later.

The machine at which deceased was working was well protected and the accident was due to his own carelessness.

FRENCH AGENT IN BURGOS?

Paris, To-day.

Reports that the French Government has already sent a delegation consisting of several personages of political importance to Burgos to sound out the Nationalist Government regarding diplomatic representation are circulating in the Chamber.

It is stated that M. Daladier plans to send an Agent with full powers to deal with urgent problems.

THREE NAMES MENTIONED

Whereas the only name mentioned yesterday in connection with this appointment was that of General Catroux, who is said to be a personal friend of General Franco, three other names came to the forefront yesterday. They were those of Cardinal Baudrillart, the former Chairman of the Chamber's Finance Commission, M-Malvy; and the present Chairman of the Commission for Foreign Affairs, M. Jean Mistler.

It is, however, pointed out that Cardinal Baudrillart, who is 80, would be unlikely to accept the offer if it was made to him. — Trans-Ocean.

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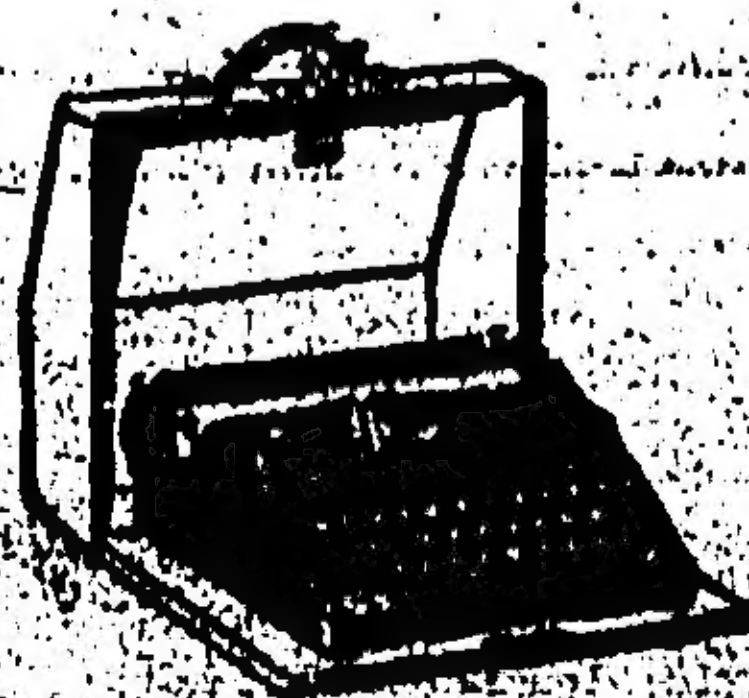
CHEN-CHEUNG.—On 2nd February, 1939, at Yungning, Kwangsi, Chen Hsi-Hsiang, Engineer, Hunan-Kwangsi Railway, to Cheung Shing-Hoo, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cheung Lui-Kong. (Shanghai and Tientsin papers please copy).

DEATH

ROBERTSON.—At the Kowloon Hospital, on 3rd February, 1939, Captain Thomas Balfour Robertson, late of S.S. "Kala-poi." Aged 55 years. Funeral will pass Stubbs Road gate at 5.30 p.m. this afternoon.

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